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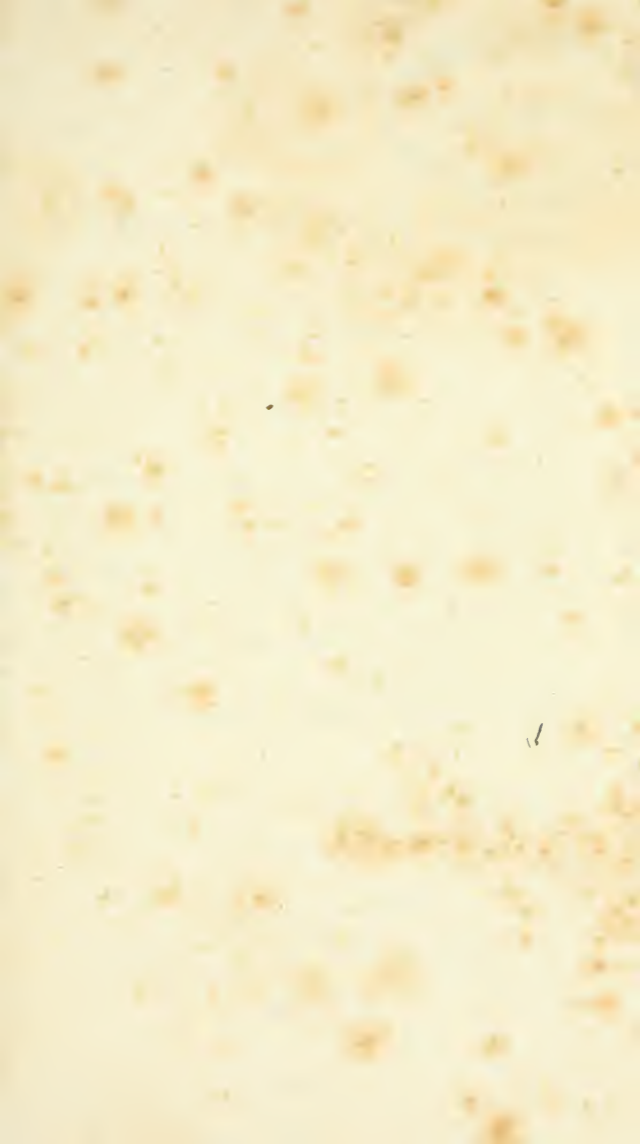
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THE

CHILD'S CHRISTIAN YEAR:

H Y M N S

FOR EVERY

SUNDAY AND HOLY-DAY;

COMPILED FOR THE USE OF

PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS.

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PREFACE.

This compilation pretends to no more than to be one among many humble, but it is trusted, not unavailing efforts which are now being made in different quarters, to bring the whole body of our Church's teaching more into unison with the tone of her Prayer Book, and by consequence, with that of the Ancient Universal Church. Besides its direct devotional use, and the positive instruction to be gleaned from it, the air and manner of the compositions preferred in it are such as may perhaps be found not ill calculated gradually to raise and purify the standard by which the poor judge of religious poetry. The word Hymn, in their minds, has been too long associated with productions both in doctrine and manner very unworthy of that sacred name. It will be something, if in only one parish we can pre-occupy the minds and ears of the young with strains of a somewhat higher mood; such as may prove of real use and comfort to them, when recalled to their memories, in whole or in part, by the events of their after life, such as they may dwell on continually, and find deeper and deeper meanings

in them as they grow older, and consult their own consciences more.

The subject is perhaps not quite proper to be touched on in the Preface to such a work, yet it may be worth suggesting, whether attention to this part of education may not do much, under God's blessing, towards preparing another generation for something like a revival of Discipline;—the only Church Reform which can really deserve the name;—as things are at present, to speak of such a thing sounds almost like talk in a dream: yet if the well-disposed of our young people were trained up in the tone of the ancient Church, were taught to sympathize with her, and to look to her, for sympathy, the spirit of discipline, it would seem, could not fail to revive, and what are now mere forms would again take to themselves power. This little book may be regarded as an experiment on a very small scale, tending, however remotely, towards that good end.

J. K.

Hursley, Nov. 6, 1841.

ADVERTISEMENT.

THE first impression on looking over this little book, will probably be that the hymns are too difficult, yet it is hoped they will not be thrown aside without a trial, nor without being read in connexion with the services of the day, which will often be found to clear up what otherwise appears obscure.

It should likewise be considered that such subjects cannot be lowered to the level of childish minds without more or less of irreverence; and if we observe the Church's method of teaching, we shall find that she places in the memories of her young members a form of sound words, the full understanding of which neither they nor their teachers can arrive at.

In the school for which the hymns were collected, they have been found useful in leading to questions and explanations, and the demand for them is such as to make the supply in manuscript rather troublesome.

About a third of the hymns are hitherto unpublished; for the far larger and more valuable part of these, sincere thanks are due to the widow of the regretted author of them, the late Rev. Joseph Anstice, of King's College, London.

* * Throughout the volume the notes of the American Editor are enclosed in brackets.

INTRODUCTION

TO THE AMERICAN EDITION.

“THE CHRISTIAN YEAR” has taken its place among our household books. It is no ordinary omen for good, that such a book has won its way in this our age. The hearth by which it finds a home would bid an angel welcome. The heart that is in tune with its devotion is in training for the symphonies of saints.

“The Child’s Christian Year” should not be held to answer strictly for the expectation naturally created by its predecessor. The author, in the one instance, is but the compiler, in the other: and, as his modest preface and advertisement will show, has literally sought to make it a “Christian Year,” *for children*. Every one knows the aptitude of the youthful ear for rhymes; and how much they help the entrance to the youthful heart. To provide for the children of

his own parish a set of hymns, which should be an accompaniment to the Prayer Book, in its round of annual teaching, and show its constant harmony with Holy Scripture;—and, that this might be more truthful and more thorough, to furnish hymns which would suggest questions, and bear explanations, and instruct the mind, while they engage the heart,—has been his whole ambition. Faithful pastors, judicious teachers, devoted parents, will be thankful that the Hursley manuscripts have now been made available for general use. They will subserve materially, if HE vouchsafe his blessing, that most important and engaging office of the Church, the training of her Saviour's children for the heritage, which HE has purchased for them, of immortal glory.

G. W. D.

THE

CHILD'S CHRISTIAN YEAR:

SUNDAY MORNING HYMN.

Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and
be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools.

ECCLES. v. 1.

Lord, by Thee in safety borne
To another Sabbath morn,
Once again, our pilgrim feet,
In thy peaceful temple meet.

As we pass the hallowed porch,
From our hearts the world exclude,
On the quiet of Thy Church,
Let not earth-born thought intrude.

Meet it is that we begin¹
With acknowledgment of sin;
Such unfeign'd repentance teach us,
That Thine absolution reach us.

Then on David's sweetest strain,
All our varied notes employ;

[¹ This and the following stanza sketch the outline
of the daily service, in the Book of Common Prayer.—
G. W. D.]

Let not round us float in vain,
Prayer of anguish, hymn of joy.

Lead our spirits up to Thee,
Through our fervent Litany;
Nerve us when we chant our Creed,
For its glorious truths to bleed.
Lord, Thy special grace we seek
On Thy Gospel's Minister;
Teach Thy servant how to speak,
Teach Thy people how to hear.

Banish roving fancies far;
Tune afresh the souls that jar;
Bid to-day its influence shed,
'Till the coming week be fled.
We must answer for to-day,
For its service and its rest;
Give us grace to praise and pray,
Grace to love Thee, and be blest.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

EXODUS xx. 8.

SUNDAY EVENING HYMN.

Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son of man
that layeth hold on it; that keepeth the Sabbath from
polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil.

ISAIAH lvi. 2.

Soon will the evening star, with silver ray,
Shed its mild influence o'er this sacred day;

Resume we then, ere sleep and silence reign,
The rites that holiness and Heaven ordain.

Still let each awful truth our thoughts engage,
That shines revealed, in Inspiration's page;
Nor be those hours in vain amusements past,
Which all who lavish, shall lament at last.
Here, humbly let us seek Almighty grace
With blessings meet, to crown our weekly race;
Here join, to greet our Lord's returning days
With prayer, with penitence, and duteous praise.

Saviour of men, in whom our hopes confide,
Whose power defends us, and whose precepts
 guide;
In life our guardian, and in death our friend,
Glory supreme to Thee, till time shall end!

If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing
thy pleasure on My holy day; and call the Sabbath a
delight, the holy of the Lord, honourable; and shalt
honour Him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding
thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words:
Then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord.

ISAIAH lviii. 13.

MORNING HYMN.

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and
 with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.
 This is the first and great commandment.
 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour
 as thyself.

ST. MATTHEW xxii. 37, 38.

Again, O Lord, I ope my eyes
 Thy glorious light to see,
 And share the gifts so largely lent
 'To thankless man, by Thee.

And why has God o'er me this night
 The watch so kindly kept?
 And why have I so safely waked,
 And why so sweetly slept?

And wherefore do I live and breathe?
 And wherefore have I still
 The mind to know, the sense to choose,
 The strength to do 'Thy will?

Is it to waste another day
 In folly, sin, and shame?
 To give to these my heart and hand,
 And spurn my Maker's claim?

Is it for honour, wealth, or power,
 My heaven-born soul to sell?
 Is it to grasp at pleasure's flowers
 Upon the brink of hell?

Is it to grow unto the world
 As glides the world from me :
 Be one day nearer to the grave,
 And farther, Lord, from 'Thee ?

No! thus too many days I've spent,
 To 'Thee, then, this be given;
 Teach what I owe to man below,
 And to Thyself in heaven.

O bring me to my Saviour's Cross
 For mercy for the past :
 And make me live the coming day
 As if it were my last !

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our
 hearts unto wisdom.

PSALM xc. 12.

EVENING HYMN.

Thou art about my path, and about my bed : and spiest
 out all my ways.

PSALM cxxxix. 2.

Father ! by Thy love and power
 Comes again the evening hour.
 Light has vanished, labours cease,
 Weary creatures rest in peace.
 Thou whose genial dews distil
 On the lowliest weed that grows;
 Father ! guard our couch from ill,
 Lull Thy creatures to repose.
 We to 'Thee ourselves resign,
 Let our latest thoughts be 'Thine !

Saviour ! to Thy Father bear
This, our feeble evening prayer;
Thou hast seen how oft to-day,
We, like sheep, have gone astray;
Worldly thoughts, and thoughts of pride,
 Wishes to Thy Cross untrue,
Secret faults, and undescried,
 Meet Thy spirit-piercing view:
Blessed Saviour ! yet through Thee,
Pray that these may pardoned be !

Holy Spirit ! breath of balm !
Fall on us in evening's calm:
Yet, awhile, before we sleep,
We, with Thee, will vigils keep;
Lead us on our sins to muse,
 Give us truest penitence,
Then the love of God infuse,
 Breathing humble confidence;
Melt our spirits, mould our will,
Soften, strengthen, comfort, still !

Blessed Trinity ! be near
Through the hours of darkness drear;
When the help of man is far,
Ye more clearly present are;
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
 Watch o'er our defenceless head !
Let your Angel's guardian host
 Keep all evil from our bed,

'Till the flood of morning rays,
Wake us to a song of praise !

I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest: for it is
Thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

PSALM iv. 9.

ADVENT SUNDAY.¹

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord: or who
shall rise up in His Holy place?

PSALM xxiv. 3.

Put far from us, O Lord, we pray,
Of darkness the unfruitful deeds,²
And keep us safely in the way
That to Thy holy presence leads.

[¹This hymn may be taken to illustrate the mode of carrying out the suggestion of the third paragraph of Mr. Keble's advertisement. In this way, each hymn, besides being committed to memory, may be made a most interesting and useful exercise in pastoral or domestic teaching. The number of questions may be greatly multiplied. In connexion with each hymn, the occasion and uses of the day should be fully inquired into. As, what is the meaning of advent? Whose advent does it celebrate? For what purpose was the first advent? For what will be the second? And so on. To the hymns which follow, only a question now and then is added, by way of sample.]

[²To what part of the collect for the day do these lines refer? On what words of scripture is it founded?]

Each one of us has duly sworn¹
 Against the crafty foe to fight
 Beneath the Cross's banner, borne²
 By Him who darkness changed to light.

He that right manfully would stand
 The devil, world, and flesh to quell;³
 Keeps anxious watch on either hand,
 In his Lord's armour, fenced well.⁴

The shield of faith is o'er him spread,
 To guard from Satan's fiery dart,
 Salvation's helmet keeps his head,
 And righteousness protects his heart.

The girdle of his loins, is truth,
 His sword, the piercing word of God;
 He thus sets forth in earliest youth,
 The way God's Saints before have trod.⁵

And he proceeds from strength to strength
 Forgetting all the trials past,⁶

[¹ When?]

[² To what part of the baptismal service does this line refer?]

[³ Repeat the part of the catechism to which this line alludes.]

[⁴ What is the "armour" here alluded to called in the collect for the day?]

[⁵ In what portion of holy scripture is the Christian's armour described? Repeat the words.]

[⁶ In which of St. Paul's Epistles does he speak of "forgetting those things which are behind?"]

His eye still fix'd, where he at length
 May hope eternal rest at last.

Collect.

They will go from strength to strength; and unto the
 God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.

PSALM lxxxiv. 7.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

Yet I had planted thee a noble vine, wholly a right
 seed: how then art thou turned into the degenerate plant
 of a strange vine unto Me?

JEREMIAH ii. 21.

And is the day of mercy set
 On Israel's fallen line?
 And canst 'Thou, gracious Lord, forget
 Thy long regarded Vine?
 Thy Vine, which erst from Misraim's¹ sands
 To Canaan's fostering dew,
 Transported by Thy tender hands,
 So fair, so fruitful grew.

Like goodliest cedars, wide and vast,
 Around, her arms were spread,
 Deep in the rock her roots she cast,
 To Heaven she rear'd her head.

[¹ What is meant by Misraim?]

Her fruits, from farthest east to west,
 With wonder, Kings survey'd,
 And earth, and earth's glad sons were blest,
 Beneath her cooling shade.

Alas! where once in joy she stood,
 Her fences now are bare,
 And boars, and monsters of the wood,
 Her rifled clusters tear.
 Then turn Thee, Lord, and from above
 Once more in mercy shine,
 With looks of pity and of love
 Regard Thy fallen Vine.¹

First Lesson. Morning.

Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in Me.

I am the vine, ye are the branches, he that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without Me, ye can do nothing.

ST. JOHN xv. 4, 5.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

And he shall go before Him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

ST. LUKE i. 17.

[1 Repeat the verses of the psalm on which this hymn is founded.]

Behold a Prophet,¹—yea and more!
 He dwells in solitude,
 His food is but the wild bee's store,
 His raiment coarse and rude.²

With water he baptizes there,
 To cleanse mankind from sin;
 Yea, rather, doth the way prepare
 For purity within.

He who comes after, doth baptize
 With Spirit and with fire
 All those who to the glorious prize
 Of happiness aspire.

And He again to earth will come
 When the world's trial ends:
 But first, to call the wanderers home,
 His Ministers He sends.

O may they so prepare His way
 That we be faithful found,
 Leaning on Him, our Hope and stay,
 When the last trump shall sound!

Gospel and Collect.

I, indeed, baptize you with water;—He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire.

ST. LUKE iii. 16.

[¹ Who?]

[² From what scripture is this learned?]

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

But the Lord is my defence, and my God is the rock
of my refuge.

PSALM xciv. 22.

A mighty river flowing
Through dry and herbless sand;
A rock, its shadow throwing
Across a weary land;
Such, blessed Saviour, now,
While in noon-day heat we toil,
Through life's parch'd and barren soil,
Such to Thy Church art Thou.

A covert from the beating
Of stormy wind and rain,
The way-worn pilgrim greeting
On some bleak wintry plain;—
Such is Thy Cross's shade;
There while round God's judgments sweep,
Calm, as in health's sweetest sleep,
Thy faithful ones are laid.

When thorns, where vintage faileth,
In pleasant places grow;
When on the wood it hailleth;
When lies the city low;

Sure home shall still be theirs:
 Still the work of righteousness
 Shall be peace and quietness
 In all 'Thy Kingdom's heirs.¹

First Lesson.² Evening.

Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat: the flocks shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: yet I will rejoice in the Lord: I will joy in the God of my salvation.

HABAKKUK iii. 17, 18.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

It shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise His heel.
 GENESIS iii. 15.

O Lord, to-day, for 'Thy dear sake
 Our souls to glad thanksgiving wake;
 In all 'Thy faithful hearts below
 Bid joys of spring eternal glow,
 And every primal curse grow light,
 By thinking on 'Thy blest birth-night.

“In sorrow shalt thou toil for bread;”
 So upon man the doom was said;

[¹ How did they become heirs of the kingdom?]

[² Turn to it, and read it.]

'To labouring men amid the field,
 First was the holy Babe revealed;
 And labour now shall lighter be,
 So soothed and hallowed, Lord, by Thee.

“In sorrow shalt thou children bear,”—
 Of such a doom is woman heir;
 But God, by that one glorious birth,
 Our nature took, and dwelt on earth;
 Mothers no more their pangs shall blame,
 By which the world's Redeemer came.

“Ye for your sins shall surely die,”—
 All men beneath this sentence lie;
 But He who came this day to save,
 He fought with death, He burst the grave,
 And when He vanquished in the strife.
 Then death became the gate of life.

O light'ner of our daily load!
 O guide on our eternal road!
 O offering for the guilty soul!
 O strong to make the sinner whole!
 O born sin's curses to remove.
 Teach us, blest Saviour, teach Thy love!

He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up
 for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us
 all things?

ROM. viii. 32.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

Unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

ST. LUKE ii. 11.

Think on the mercy of our God,
Our great Redeemer's love;
How the dim waste of earth He trod,
And left His throne above!
And all, frail man, His foe to save,
And show him hopes beyond the grave.

He came not in a warrior's path,
With mighty armies strong;
He came not as a God in wrath,
Avenging Judah's wrong:—
To preach on earth His Father's word,
A little child, came Christ the Lord.

Glad was our Saviour's natal morn,
Angels rejoiced in Heaven
That "unto us a Child is born,
To us a son is given,"¹

[¹ What prophet uttered these words?]

And Angels left their home on high,
To tell of Christ's Nativity.

And suddenly there was with the Angel a multitude of the Heavenly host, praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

ST. LUKE ii. 13, 14.

ST. STEPHEN'S DAY.

If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; and whosoever will lose his life for My sake shall find it.

ST. MATT. xvi. 24, 25.

'The Son of God goes forth to war,
A Kingly Crown to gain:
His blood-red banner streams afar—
Who follows in His train?

Who best can drink his cup of wo
Triumphant over pain;
Who patient bears his cross below;
He follows in His train.

The martyr first, whose eagle eye
Could pierce beyond the grave;
Who saw his Master in the sky,
And called on Him to save.

Like him, with pardon on his tongue
 In midst of mortal pain,
 He prayed for them that did the wrong—¹
 Who follows in his train?

A glorious band, the chosen few
 On whom the Spirit came;
 Twelve valiant Saints, their hopes they knew,
 And mocked the cross and flame.

They met the tyrant's brandished steel,
 The lion's gory mane;
 They bow'd their necks the death to feel—
 Who follows in their train?

A noble army—men and boys,
 The matron and the maid,
 Around their Saviour's throne rejoice,
 In robes of light array'd.

They climbed the steep ascent of Heaven,
 Through peril, toil, and pain;
 O God! to us may grace be given,
 To follow in their train!

These are they which came out of great tribulation,
 and have washed their robes, and made them white in
 the Blood of the Lamb.

REV. vii. 14.

[¹ What were his words?—What like words did Jesus
 utter?]

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST'S DAY.

I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the Word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven Churches.

REV. i. 9—11.

John, by a tyrant's stern command,
Is exil'd on a sea-girt strand;
But his free spirit takes her flight
Into the regions of the light.

And there, his awe-struck soul before,
He stands Who lives for evermore;
Who as a Lamb gave up His breath,
And as a Lion vanquished death.

And now, before his ravished eyes,
He brings His kingdom's mysteries;
The faith sown by His martyrs' blood,¹
Covering the nations like a flood.

[¹ The blood of the martyrs, the seed of the church.]

Our power baptismal, Lord, revive,
 With Thee to die, with Thee to live;
 To tread on earthly things, and love
 The better things that are above!

Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

1 JOHN v. 21.

THE INNOCENTS' DAY.

In Ramah was there a voice heard, lamentation and
 weeping and great mourning.¹

ST. MATTHEW ii. 18.

Bethlehem, above all cities blest!
 Th' Incarnate Saviour's earthly rest,
 Where in His manger safe He lay,
 By Angels guarded night and day.

Bethlehem, of cities most forlorn,
 Where in the dust sad mothers mourn,
 Nor see the Heavenly glory shed
 On each pale infant's martyr'd head.

'Tis ever thus: who Christ would win,
 Must in the school of wo begin;
 And still the nearest to His grace,
 Know least of their own glorious place.

Of such is the Kingdom of God.

ST. LUKE xviii, 16.

[¹ From which of the Prophets is this taken?]

SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS.

Praise the Lord, O my soul: while I live will I praise the Lord: yea, as long as I have any being, I will sing praises unto my God.

PSALM cxlvii. 1.

When all Thy mercies, O my God,¹
 My rising soul surveys;
 Transported with the view, I'm lost
 In wonder, love, and praise:

Ere yet my feeble thoughts had learnt
 To form themselves in prayer,
 To all my weak complaints and cries
 Thy mercy lent an ear.

When worn with sickness, oft hast Thou
 With health renewed my face;
 And when in sin and sorrow sunk,
 Revived my soul with grace.

Ten thousand thousand precious gifts
 My daily thanks employ;
 Nor is the least a cheerful heart,
 That tastes those gifts with joy.

[1 The venerable Bishop White, on his death-bed, in his eighty-ninth year, said of it, "That beautiful hymn of Addison's has been a favourite with me all my life."]

Through every period of my life
 Thy goodness I'll pursue;
 And after death, in distant worlds
 May I the theme renew.

Through all eternity to Thee
 A joyful song I'll raise—
 For O! eternity's too short
 To utter all Thy praise!

Glory to God in the highest.

ST. LUKE ii. 14.

CIRCUMCISION.

And thou shalt call His Name Jesus: for He shall save
 His people from their sins.

ST. MATTHEW i. 21.

Eight days amid this world of wo
 The holy Babe has been;
 Long named in Heaven, He now must go
 To take that name on Him below—
 Jesus, who saves from sin.

His Mother kept the Angel's word
 Deep in her bosom's store;

But most, by fear and love unstirred,
 Unconscious of its meaning, heard
 The name the Infant bore.

The traitor sought Him by that name,
 When all the murderous crew
 With swords and staves against Him came:
 And on the cross, the place of shame,
 That name was fixed in view.

Yet in His hour of glory, now,
 That precious name is given
 Above all names to deck his brow;
 And at the name of Jesus, bow
 The powers and thrones of Heaven.

Worthy art Thou o'er us to reign,
 O Christ, for evermore;
 Thou, who for us didst not disdain
 That sinners should that name profane
 Which Seraphim adore!

Gospel.

That at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow.

PHIL. ii. 10.

EPIPHANY.¹

A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy
people Israel.

ST. LUKE ii. 32.

From princely walls in eastern pomp arrayed,
'They seek the distant Bethlehem's lowly shade;
Faith leads the way, and gathers light, and now
Leans upon Hope, which strengthens as they go.

What gladness crowned their steps, as now to view
The Heavenly messenger appeared anew!
And o'er the roof, the star, descending mild,
Showed, in His Mother's arms, the holy Child!

But yet, no ivory here, no glowing gold,
No purple royalties the Babe enfold;
His palace-hall—a stable's solitude,
His regal throne—a manger, dark and rude!

Lo, at His humble cradle on bent knee,
They in the Child adore the Deity!
And to that Child, us of that Gentile seed,
And to that humble cradle, Faith shall lead.

Love, is the gold, meet offering for a King:
Myrrh, to the Son of Man, shall abstinence bring;

[¹ What is the meaning of this word?]

And prayer shall be the ascending frankincense,
Which owns our God in veiled omnipotence? ¹

Collect and Gospel.

Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with His people.

ROM. xv. 10.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY.

Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that
ye should follow His steps.

1 PET. ii. 21.

Not only as a sacrifice
Our blessed Saviour came,
But to show forth how we may live
In this world free from blame.

Few are the words to us vouchsafed
To tell how passed His time,
While He in wisdom grew, and height,
Up to His manhood's prime.

Yet though but few, a perfect rule
They give, our ways to guide,
Obedience to our parents teach,
And love to all beside.

[¹ Which of the Evangelists records the visit of the
Gentile wise men to the Infant Saviour?]

Exactness to fulfil the Law,
And do our work with zeal,
But oh, how sadly we fall short,
We must with anguish feel.

O may we strive, ourselves to walk,
In His most holy way;
And for God's help to keep us right
Let us devoutly pray.

Pray we for thankful hearts to feel
The value of His gift;
That, where our Lord has gone before,
He may our spirits lift!

Gospel.

And He went down with them, and came unto Nazareth, and was subject unto them.

ST. LUKE ii. 51.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE
EPIPHANY.

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

ROMANS xii. 2.

How shall a child of God fulfil
His vow to cleanse his soul from ill,

And raise on high his baptism-light,
Like Aaron's seed in ritual white,
And holy-tempered Nazarite ?

First, let him shun the haunts of vice,
Sin-feast, or heathen sacrifice ;
Fearing the board of wealthy pride,
Or heretic, self-trusting guide,
Or where the adulterer's smiles preside.

Next, as he threads the maze of men,
Aye must he lift his witness, when
A sin is spoke in Heaven's dread face,
And none at hand, of higher grace,
The Cross to carry in his place.

But if he hears, and sits him still,
First, he will lose his hate of ill ;
Next, fear of sinning, after hate ;
Small sins his heart then desecrate ;
And last, despair persuades to great.

Epistle.

Blessed is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stood in the way of sinners, and hath not sat in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord ; and in His law will he exercise himself day and night.

PSALM i. 1, 2.

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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE
EPIPHANY.

And the Spirit and the Bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

REV. xxii. 17.

Sweet is the Spirit's strain,
Breathed by soft pleadings inly heard,
By all the heart's deep fountains stirred,
By conscience, and the written word;
"Come, wanderers, home again."

The Bride¹ repeats the call;
By high thanksgiving, lowly prayer,
By days of rest, and fostering care,
By holy rites that all may share,
She whispers "come," to all.

Let him who hears, say "come:"
If thou hast been sin's wretched slave,
If thou art risen from that grave,
Thy sleeping brethren seek to save,
And call the wanderers home.

And let all come who thirst:
Freely for every child of wo

[1 The Church.]

The streams of living waters flow,
And whosoever will, may go
 Where healing fountains burst.

 There drink, and be at rest.
On Him who died for thee, believe;
The Spirit's quickening grace receive;
No more the God who seeks thee grieve;
 Be holy, and be blest.

*First Lesson. Morning.*¹

Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters.

ISAIAH lv. 1.

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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE
EPIPHANY.

Lord, I have loved the habitation of Thy house, and
the place where Thine honour dwelleth.

PSALM xxvi. 8.

Lord, in this time of sacred rest,
When work-day cares no more molest,
When hushed awhile is this world's din,
And calm without aids peace within;—
Good Lord! our darkened spirits bless
With the sweet light of thankfulness!

[¹ Isaiah lv. in the American Prayer Book it is the first lesson of the *evening* service.]

For every word of truth that falls
 Within Thy Church's hallowed walls;
 For prayers, to former ages known,
 And prized by Saints to glory gone;
 For that Communion Cup and Bread
 Wherewith Thy fainting Church is fed;
 That font, where, helpless yet, conveyed,
 Children of God our babes are made;¹
 Those graves around, which hold our dead,
 Where words of faith and hope are said;
 For Him, who left to-day, the tomb,
 Our Saviour now, our judge to come;
 For all His merits bought for men,
 Blest be the Lord! Amen, Amen!

*First Lesson. Afternoon.*²

If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on My holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honourable; and shalt honour Him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words:

Then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord.

ISAIAH lviii. 13, 14.

[¹ How?]

[² In the American Prayer Book, it is the first Lesson for the *morning* service.—ISAIAH lvii.]

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE
EPIPHANY.

The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the Lord of Hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of Hosts.

HAGGAI ii. 9.

When on the second Temple's height
The Jew upraised his aged sight,
How sank his heart to see,
Robb'd of its ancient pomp and pride,
The house where deign'd on earth to abide
His God's own Majesty!

No holy Urim there express'd
Heaven's purpose on the Prophet's breast;
There the lov'd ark no more,
On mercy's seat, presented Him
Who dwelt between the Cherubim
In Israel's tents of yore.

The consecrated fire was gone:
The announcing light no longer shone
Around that presence dread:
And oh! what prayer could now invoke
The high prophetic voice that spoke
To Judah's happier dead.

Thus deemed the sorrowing Israelite;
Ye Christians answer, deemed he right?

Oh! for Seraphic power
To flash conviction on the Jew,
And bid his soul exulting view
That Temple's holiest hour!

There shall the true oracular sound,
The Almighty voice of Christ, be found;
There shall the gracious Ark,
Blest by the bleeding victim, grant
A higher, ampler covenant
To worlds in error dark.

There shall the fire which darts from Heaven,
The Spirit's awful breath be given;
There in corporeal shrine
Shall, the unerring records tell,
The fulness of the Godhead dwell,¹
The Father's glory shine.

Then, murmuring unbelief, be dumb—
Hark! the great Prophet's accents come,
The Spirit unconfined!

[1 What is the text for this?]

Yes, from the second Temple burst
Sounds of more love than filled the first,
Sounds of redeemed mankind!

*First Lesson. Morning.*¹

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation.

ST. LUKE ii. 29, 30.

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE
EPIPHANY.

Prepare to meet thy God.

AMOS iv. 12.

Great God! what do I see and hear!
The end of things created!
The Judge of mankind doth appear
On clouds of glory seated!
The trumpet sounds: the graves restore
The dead which they contained before;
Prepare, my soul, to meet him!

The dead in Christ shall first arise,
At the last trumpet sounding;
Caught up to meet Him in the skies,
With joy their Lord surrounding.

[¹ Isaiah lix. evening service of fourth Sunday, Am.
Pr. B.]

No gloomy fears their souls dismay,
 His presence sheds eternal day,
 On those prepared to meet Him.

But sinners filled with guilty fears
 Behold His wrath prevailing,
 For they shall rise, and find their tears
 And sighs are unavailing.

The day of grace is past and gone:
 Trembling, they stand before the throne
 All unprepared to meet Him!

Great God! what do I see and hear!
 The end of things created!
 The Judge of mankind doth appear
 On clouds of glory seated!
 Low at His Cross I view the day
 When Heaven and earth shall pass away,
 And thus prepare to meet Him.

Gospel.

For there is none other Name under Heaven given
 among men, whereby we must be saved.

ACTS iv. 12.

SEPTUAGESIMA.¹

And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it He had rested from all his work which God created and made.

GENESIS ii. 3.

And now Thy labours, Lord, are done,
 And on the sixth returning sun
 'Thou to Thy work hast set the bound;
 The heavens take up the gladsome sound.

But while the Sabbath now is blest,
 And consecrate to endless rest,
 Another labour doth demand
 The great Creator's mighty hand.

For all things now have found a tongue,
 Together raise one rival song,
 Together, earth, and sea, and stars;—
 One sinner the glad concert mars.

Our hearts of stone, Lord, from us take,
 And fleshly hearts within us make,
 That so, abounding fruits of love
 A welcome hymn to Thee may prove.

Such are the hymns which Thee delight,
 The deeds that with the voice unite;

[¹ Why so called?]

Thus to our prayers Thine ears incline,
Such bend the Majesty Divine.

*First Lesson. Morning.*¹

Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

HEBREWS iv. 11,

SEXAGESIMA.²

She took of the fruit thereof, and did eat.

GENESIS iii. 6,

Think upon Eve and Adam's sin,
See wo and death at once came in;
And learn how wicked acts begin.

When conscience tells you not to do
The deed that you may have in view,
That is the voice of God to you.

When playmates urge, or when you long
To leave the right way for the wrong,
That is to you, the serpent's tongue.

Or if a thing forbidden be,
Yet pleasant, good and fair to see,
That is to you the guarded tree;

[1 Genesis 1. American Prayer Book.—JER. v.]

[2 Why so called?]

So, if there come a thought some day
 Parents or friends to disobey,
 And from their wishes turn away;

Or some bold evil passion rise,
 And make you wish what God denies,
 O then, remembering Eve, be wise!

*First Lesson. Morning.*¹

For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and
 the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the
 Father, but is of the world.

1 JOHN ii. 16.

SEXAGESIMA.

The seed is the word of God.

ST. LUKE viii, 11.

O God! by whom the seed is given;
 By whom the harvest blest;
 Whose word, like manna showered from heaven,
 Is planted in our breast;

Preserve it from the passing feet,
 And plunderers of the air;
 The sultry sun's intenser heat,
 And weeds of worldly care!

[1 Genesis iii. Am. Pr. B. Jeremiah xxxv.]

Though buried deep, or thinly strewn,
 Do 'Thou 'Thy grace supply;
 The hope in earthly furrows sown
 Shall ripen in the sky!

Gospel.

He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth forth good seed, shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with him.

PSALM CXXVI. 6.

QUINQUAGESIMA.¹

[Love is the fulfilling of the law.]

ROMANS xiii. 10.

Though Angel's zeal, though Prophet's fire
 Informed my glowing tongue;
 Though holier raptures waked my lyre
 Than ever seraph sung;
 Though faith, though knowledge from above
 My ardent labour crown'd,
 Did I not glow with Christian love,
 How vain would all be found!

Love suffers long, is just, sincere,
 Forgiving, slow to blame;
 Friend of the good, she grieves to hear
 An erring brother's shame.

[¹ Why so called?]

Meek, holy, free from selfish zeal,
 To generous pity prone,
She envies not another's weal,
 Nor triumphs in her own.

No evil, no suspicious thought
 She harbours in her breast;
She tries us by the deeds we've wrought,
 And still believes the best.
Love never fails: though knowledge cease,
 Though prophecies decay,
Love, Christian love, shall still increase,
 Shall still extend her sway.

How dimly, through life's shadowy glass
 We strain our infant eyes;
Soon shall the earth-born vapours pass,
 And light unclouded rise.
Then hope shall sink in changeless doom,
 Then, faith's bright race be o'er,
But thou, eternal love, shalt bloom
 More glorious than before.

Collect and Epistle.

And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves.

1 PET. iv. 8.

QUINQUAGESIMA.

By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house.

HEBREWS xi. 7.

When safely on dry land once more
The Patriarch's House descended,
Joyful, they spring upon the shore,
And thankfully their God adore
Who thus had them defended.

Three weary months, on water borne
While earth was disappearing,
They gazed upon the scene forlorn,
And wept for those whose sinful scorn
Had mocked, with heart unfearing.

Yet, through that deep and dreadful tide,
Their God had them protected:
Had saved them in the ruin wide,
Had fed, and succoured them beside
By wonders unexpected.

Some are there, rescued from a doom
Of sorrow more enduring,
Chosen from a world of sin and gloom,
And placed where Heavenly rays illumine
Their course, their end ensuring.

For Christ hath raised an ark to save,¹
 Such love to us extending!
 We enter in through baptism's wave:
 For us, from sin, and from the grave,
 The sting and victory rending.
 Let us our hearts and voices raise,
 And daily give Him thanks and praise.

*First Lesson. Morning.*²

The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now
 gave us.

1 PETER iii. 21.

ASH WEDNESDAY.³

Cast away from you all your transgressions, and make
 you a new heart and a new spirit. For I have no
 pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord
 God: wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye.

EZEKIEL xviii. 31.

It is the holy fast
 Which Christ hath sanctified,
 Shadowed of ages past,
 For them who to the world have died.

[¹ What is it?]

[² Genesis ix. 1—20. Am. Pr. Book. Lamentations i.]

[³ Why so called?]

Let there be holy guard
 O'er word, and food and sleep,
 That in her widowed ward
 The soul her strictest watch may keep.

Let us bow down and weep
 Ere yet it be too late,
 His path with tears to steep
 Before the Judge be at the gate.

Tremendous Judge, e'en now
 Our crimes like mountains rise,
 But yet a Father 'Thou,
 And mightier are Thy clemencies.

Frail as the potter's clay,
 But yet Thy work are we;
 O leave us not a prey
 For whom Christ paid the penalty.

Heal us from all our sin,
 Restore us to our place,
 With contrite hearts to win
 'Thine all abounding pitying grace.

Epistle.

And enter not into judgment with Thy servant, for in
 Thy sight shall no man living be justified.

PSALM cxliii. 2.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT.

If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself,
and take up his cross, and follow Me.

ST. MATTHEW XVI. 24.

Not by the Martyr's death alone
The Martyr's crown in Heaven is won;
'There is a triumph robe on high
For bloodless fields of victory.

What though untaught the flame to feel,
The lion's den, the torturing wheel?
Himself his only enemy,
He learns a living death to die.

What though nor executioner,
Nor scourge, nor stake, nor chain be there?
To those prepared with Christ to die,
'Tis all supplied with charity.

Grant, Christ, that so to Thee we turn,
That we to die through life may learn;
And thus beyond brief life, with Thee
May see a glad eternity.

Eternal Father of the Word,
Eternal Son as God adored,

Eternal Spirit, equal Three,
Be equal glory given to Thee.

Gospel.

I die daily.

1 CORINTHIANS XV. 31.

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT.

And He was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan; and was with the wild beasts; and the Angels ministered unto Him.

ST. MARK i. 13.

Lord, in the desert bleak and bare
Still worked Thy righteous plan,
Still waked amid wild beasts Thy care
To save unconscious man.

We thank Thee, Saviour, that when all
The tempter's power was tried,
Thou didst not Angel legions call,
To chase him from Thy side.

For us, Thou didst endure awhile,
To teach us arms to wield,
Stronger than hellish force or wile
Thy word, to man revealed.

Thy scriptures in that hour prevailed,
The tempter's might to quell;
The flesh, the world, the devil failed,
The threefold force of hell.¹

[1 Mention the three temptations of our Lord.]

Deeply on every heart engraved
 Be this Thy conflict, Lord!
 That body, soul, and spirit saved,
 May thank Thee for thy word.¹

Gospel.

The sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

EPHESIANS vi. 17.

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT.

For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in
 the Lord: walk as children of light.

EPHESIANS v. 8.

Maker of all things, aid our hands,
 In all our works be near,
 That our chaste lives may worthier prove
 The Name of Christ to bear.

Thou, only mighty, only good,
 Art to Thyself the way;
 'Thou only, who hast given the law,
 Canst teach us to obey.

Perils environ all the road;
 Our slippery feet control,
 'That so our steps more steadfastly
 May press on to the goal.

[¹ With what text did he repel the first? the second?
 the third?]

O happy goal, where true repose
 And peace awaits for ever,
 And Thou to thine, dost give to drink
 Of joy, as from a river.

For Thee, good Lord, the heart doth pant,
 For Thee the Spirit sighs,
 Grant unto those, Thy grace hath saved,
 To win the eternal prize !

Epistle.

And Thou shalt give them drink of Thy pleasures as out
 of the river.

PSALM XXXVI. 8.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT.

For all the beasts of the forest are Mine : and so are the
 cattle upon a thousand hills.

I know all the fowls upon the mountains : and the wild
 beasts of the field are in My sight.

PSALM I. 10, 11.

His are the cattle on the hill,
 The flocks are in His sight;
 The fowls that on the mountains dwell,
 The beasts that roam by night.

Yet He who owns this countless host,
 The Lord of earth and sky,
 Commands that nothing should be lost,
 No fragment useless lie.

Learn we from this, unceasing care
Of all our gifts to take;
And every day, the heart's deep prayer
For every grace to make.

Our wealth, in large or scanty store,
But for one hour is lent:
In the world's vain or selfish lore,
No portion must be spent.

Our time, most precious gift of all,
If saved and used aright,
Let not one moment useless fall;
Spend all, as in His sight.

Our feeble frames to cheer and rest,
Sweet sleep and food are given;
So may we use them as may best
Prepare our souls for Heaven.

Our souls' high worth Thou knowest, Lord,
For Thou hast paid the cost;
Such grace to us do Thou afford,
That none of them be lost!

Gospel.

Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost.

ST. JOHN vi. 12.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT.

A man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief.

ISAIAH liii. 3.

What grief like Thine was ever borne,
Creation's Lord and Heir !
The flesh, by nails and scourges torn,
The soul, by slander pierced, and scorn,
But half Thy woes declare.

Yet calmness never quitted Thee !
How mild was still Thy tone,
When, in the garden's agony,
Sleep fell upon Thy chosen three,¹
And Thou wert left alone.

What life was more in labour spent !
Chill eve and noontide heat
Still saw Thy time to others lent,
While Thou, where many came and went,
No leisure hadst to eat.

Yet was Thy spirit so imbued
With calmness, that we feel
Almost as if Thou hadst pursued
A quiet life in thoughtful mood,
And not in busiest zeal.

[¹Who were they?]

Not ours in sorrow, or in toil,
 Such calmness to maintain;
 Wildly our hearts from grief recoil,
 And passions, in our best deeds, foil
 The Spirit's peaceful reign.

Pattern in labour, and in wo,
 Look on us from above;
 Thine own mild energy bestow,
 And deepen, while Thou bidst it flow
 More calm, our stream of love.

Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: not
 as the world giveth, give I unto you.

ST. JOHN xiv. 27.

SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE EASTER.

And He went into the temple, and began to cast out them
 that sold therein, and them that bought; saying unto
 them, It is written, My house is the house of prayer;¹
 but ye have made it a den of thieves.

ST. LUKE xix. 45, 46.

This is the abode where God doth dwell,
 This is the gate of Heaven,
 The shrine of the Invisible,
 The Priest, the Victim given.

[¹ Where?]

O holy seat, O holy fane,
 Where dwells the Omnipotent,
 Whom the broad world cannot contain,
 Nor Heaven's high firmament.

Here, where the unearthly Guest descends
 To hearts of innocence,
 And sacred love her wing extends
 Of holiest influence.

Let no unhallow'd thought be here
 Within that sacred door;
 Let naught polluted dare draw near,
 Nor tread the awful floor;
 Or, lo! the Avenger is at hand,
 And at the door doth stand!

Whose fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly purge
 His floor.

ST. MATTHEW iii. 12.

MONDAY IN PASSION WEEK.

For since by man came death, by man came also the
 resurrection of the dead.

1 CORINTHIANS xv. 21.

Oh! how shall we declare
 Thy love, blest Saviour, which had birth,
 Before the Heavens and the earth
 By Thee created were?

Without Thee, naught was made;¹
And 'Thou complacently didst view
Primeval man, yet pure and true
In Eden's bowery shade.

He fell, deceived, defiled!
Henceforth wert 'Thou hope's only stay,
And many a pilgrim's weary way
Dim faith in Thee, beguiled.

At length, Thy day-star rose,
And 'Thou, a Virgin's child, wert born,
A man of grief; the mark of scorn;
'The Saviour of 'Thy foes.

'Thou, by Thy death of shame,
From all their sins, which naught beside
Could blot, hast freely justified
Those who receive Thy Name.

And 'Thou hast burst the tomb!
'Through Thee, the Spirit's graces flow;
'Thou pleaded for 'Thy Church below;
'Thou shalt to judgment come.

'Thou marchest, warrior dread,
'Treading the wine-press of 'Thy wrath,
Heaping with foes 'Thy conquering path,
Till death himself be dead.

[¹Text?]

Thou reignest, mighty King;
 The Saints before Thee cast their crown;
 And of Thy worship, Thy renown,
 'The choirs seraphic sing.

Our Author and our End!
 Our First and Last! from hearts that burn
 To speak Thy praise, Thou wilt not turn,
 Though feeble notes ascend!

The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

1 CORINTHIANS XV. 26.

TUESDAY IN PASSION WEEK.

But was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

HEBREWS iv. 15.

Lord, Thou in all things like wert made
 To us, yet free from sin:—
 'Then, how unlike to us, 'Thou wert,
 Replies the voice within.

O holy God! yet frail¹ weak man!
 Becomes us not to know
 How spotless soul and body felt
 Temptation, pain, and wo.

[¹ Literally, fragile, that which may be broken.]

Our faith is weak ;—O Light of Light !
 Clear Thou our clouded view ;
 That, Son of Man, and Son of God !
 We give Thee honour due.

O Son of man ! Thyself hast proved
 Our trials and our tears ;
 Life's thankless toil and scant repose,
 Death's agonies and fears.

O Son of God ! in glory raised,
 Thou sittest on Thy throne ;
 Thence, by Thy pleadings and Thy grace,
 Still succouring Thine own.

Brother and Saviour, Friend and Judge !
 To Thee, O Christ, is given
 To bind upon Thy Crown the names
 Most blest in earth and Heaven.

His name shall be in their foreheads.

REV. xxii. 4.

WEDNESDAY IN PASSION WEEK.

Nevertheless, not My will, but Thine, be done.

ST. LUKE xxii. 42.

Not in thine hours of conflict, Lord ;
 Nor when the tempting fiend was nigh ;

Nor when that bitter cup was poured,
 Thy garden agony :—
Nor then, when uttermost thy need,
 Seemed light across thy soul to break,
No seraph form was seen to speed,
 No voice of comfort spake;
Till, by Thine own revealed word,
 The victory o'er the fiend was won;—
Till the sweet mournful cry was heard,
 “ Thy will, not Mine, be done !”

Then to the desert sped the Blest,
 And food, and peace, and joy, conveyed;
Then one, more favoured than the rest,¹
 Glanced to the olive shade.
Lord! bring those precious moments back,
 When fainting, against sin we strain;
Or in Thy counsels fail to track,
 Aught but the present pain !
In darkness help us to contend;
 In darkness, yield to Thee our will;
And true hearts, faithful to the end,
 Cheer by Thine Angels still !

And, behold, Angels came and ministered unto Him.

ST. MATTHEW iv. 11.

[¹ And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him. ST. LUKE xxii. 43.]

THURSDAY IN PASSION WEEK.

For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them:
and that Rock was Christ.

1 COR. X. 4.

O Lord! refresh Thy flock!
 Athirst to Thee they cry:
Thou art the spiritual Rock
 Whence they must drink, or die.

O Lord! our sickness heal!
 Thou, in our sufferings sore,
Wert lifted up, that we might feel¹
 Sin's poison-fangs no more.

Preserve us, Lord! from death!
 Thou art the Lamb whose blood
Sprinkled o'er Israel's doors in faith,²
 A token was for good.

With many a bitter herb,³
 Of wishes dear subdued,
'Tis meet, that, dressed in pilgrim-garb,
 We take Thee for our food.

Away those types are cast,
 And now Thyself we see;

[¹ Text, in the Old Testament. In the New.]

[² Text.]

[³ Text.]

Yet let each hint that cheered the past,
Still lift our hearts to Thee !

The law having a shadow of good things to come.

HEB. x. 1.

GOOD FRIDAY.

But He was wounded for our transgressions.

ISAIAH liii. 5.

Darkly rose the guilty morning
When, the King of glory scorning,
Raged the fierce Jerusalem:
See the Christ, His Cross up-bearing,
See Him stricken, spit on, wearing
The thorn-platted diadem !

Not the crowd whose cries assailed Him,
Not the hands that rudely nailed Him,
Slew Him on the cursed tree;
Ours, the sin, from Heaven that called Him,
Ours, the sin, whose burden galled Him
In the green Gethsemane !

For our sins, of glory emptied,
He was fasting, lone, and tempted,
He was slain on Calvary;
Yet he for his murderers pleaded,
Lord ! by us, that prayer is needed,
We have pierced, yet trust in Thee.

In our wealth, and tribulation,
By Thy precious cross and passion,
By Thy blood and agony,
By thy glorious resurrection,
By Thy Holy Ghost's protection,
Make us thine eternally!

And with His stripes we are healed.

ISAIAH liii. 5.

EASTER EVE.

It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

HEB. x. 31.

When rising from the bed of death,
O'erwhelmed with guilt and fear,
I see my Maker face to face,
O how shall I appear!

If yet, while pardon may be found,
And mercy may be sought,
My heart with inward horror shrinks,
And trembles at the thought;

When Thou, O Lord! shalt stand disclosed
In Majesty severe,
And sit in judgment on my soul,
O how shall I appear?

But Thou hast told the troubled mind
 Who does her sins lament,
 The timely tribute of her tears,
 Shall endless wo prevent.

Then see the sorrow of my heart
 Ere yet it be too late;
 And hear my Saviour's dying groans,
 To give those sorrows weight.

For never shall my soul despair
 Her pardon to procure,
 Who knows Thy only Son has died
 To make her pardon sure. [ADDISON.]

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which
 are above.

COLOSSIANS iii. 1.

EASTER DAY.

Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and
 honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for
 ever and ever.

REV. vii. 12.

Let us His praise unfold
 Who our Avenger came;
 And, robed in pureness, hold
 The festal of the Lamb.

Christ is our Sacrifice,
The Lamb come down from high;
Death's angel dread descries
His blood, and passes by.

O Victim worthy Heaven,
O'er death the Victory;
Who chains of hell hath riven,
And borne her gates away.

From jaws of the dark tomb
He bursts into the light;
And opes beyond the gloom,
The heavenly infinite.

Grant us, with Thee to die,
That we with Thee may rise,
And build our house on high,
With Thee beyond the skies.

Praise the Father, praise the Son,
Who leads to starry homes;
Praise the Spirit, three in one,
Who as our guardian comes.

But now is Christ risen from the dead, and is become
the first-fruits of them that slept.

1 COR. xv. 20.

EASTER MONDAY.

Why seek ye the living among the dead?

ST. LUKE xxiv. 5.

Why for thy Lord, dost thou thus weep and mourn,
Like one half broken-hearted and forlorn?
No need, for Him that thou shouldst mourn and
weep,
No need, with tears an empty shroud to steep.

He, whom thou seekest in the murky tomb,
Hath sprung, bright and victorious from the gloom;
He lives, He greatly lives for evermore;
See, wide the rocks ope the sepulchral door.

Why bring'st thou myrrh and spices? offerings
meet
For livid corpses in their winding-sheet:
His body blooms with immortality,
Meet to return to His paternal sky.

Thy tears proclaim the greatness of thy love,
Nor doth thy Lord thy flowing tears reprove;
Hear'st thou? and know'st thou not that voice
adored?
'Tis thine own name! He speaks, thy God and
Lord.

Now go, first witness and first messenger,
Throughout the city thy glad tidings bear,

And teach the twelve that Christ Himself is nigh,
And, wheresoe'er thou speakest, standing by.

All love and praise, and majesty be Thine,
Father and Son, and Holy Ghost divine;
Quickened by whom our bodies shall return,
And in immortal bloom for ever burn.

Thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt Thou
suffer Thine Holy One to see corruption.

PSALM xvi. 10.

EASTER TUESDAY.

I am the resurrection, and the life.

ST. JOHN xi. 25.

Faint are the hopes which nature gives
That man again shall rise;
Too faint to guide him while he lives,
Or cheer him when he dies.

That night which saw the sealed stone
Rolled from 'Thine empty tomb;
That night, assurance gives alone,
O Lord, of life to come,

To those at dawn, who thither sped,
How sweet the seraph strain

“Seek ye the living with the dead?
Your Lord is risen again.”

When at the thought our spirit faints
That we to death belong,
Faith still those white-robed heralds paints,
And chants their cheering song.

Our Lord is risen;—but if we seek
Where He is gone, to go,
We must, like Him, be pure and meek,
And bear His yoke below.

If by His love and power up-borne,
On Him in faith we stay,
The worldling's dread, the judgment morn,
Shall be our Easter day.

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things
which are above.

COL. iii. 1.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.

Why are ye troubled, and why do thoughts arise in
your hearts. Behold My hands and My feet, that it is
I Myself.

ST. LUKE xxiv. 38, 39.

When I sink down in gloom or fear,
Hope blighted or delayed,

Thy whisper, Lord, my heart shall cheer,—
 “ ’Tis I, be not afraid !”

Or, startled at some sudden blow,
 If fretful thoughts I feel,—
 “ Fear not, ’tis I,” the mild words flow
 As balm, my wounds to heal.

Nor will I swerve, though scorning foes
 Some onward pass defend;
 From each rough voice the watchword goes
 “ Be not afraid !—a friend !”

And O, when judgment’s trumpet clear
 Awakes me from the grave,
 Still in its echo may I hear,
 “ ’Tis Christ! He comes to save!”

Gospel.

Heaven and earth shall pass away: but My words shall
 not pass away.

ST. MARK xiii. 31.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.

And there are three that bear witness in earth, the
 Spirit, and the Water, and the Blood: and these three
 agree in one.

1 JOHN v. 8.

Our God in glory sits on high;
 Man may not see and live;

Yet witness of Himself on earth
For ever doth He give.

His Spirit dwells in all good hearts;
All precious fruits of love,
Thoughts, words, and works, made holy, bear
His witness from above.

The Baptism waters have not ceased
To spread His Name, since first
From the Redeemer's wounded side
The holy Fountain burst.

That other stream of endless life,
His all-atoning Blood,
Is it not still our Cup of Grace?
His Flesh, our spirit's food?

O never may our sinful hearts,
What Thou hast joined, divide!
Thy Spirit in Thy mysteries still
For life, not death, abide!

Epistle.

What therefore God hath joined together, let not man
put asunder.

ST. MATTHEW XIX. 6.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.

I am the good Shepherd.

ST. JOHN x. 14.

The Lord my pasture shall prepare,
And feed me with a shepherd's care;
His presence shall my wants supply,
And guard me with a watchful eye;
My noonday walks He shall attend,
And all my midnight hours defend.

When in the sultry glebe I faint,
Or on the thirsty mountains pant;
To fertile vales, and dewy meads,
My weary, wandering steps he leads;
Where peaceful rivers, soft and slow,
Amid the verdant landscape flow.

Though in the paths of death I tread,
With gloomy horrors overspread,
My steadfast heart shall fear no ill,
For Thou, O Lord, art with me still;
Thy friendly crook shall give me aid,
And guide me through the dreadful shade.

'Though in a bare and rugged way,
Through devious lonely wilds I stray,

Thy bounty shall my pains beguile,
 The barren wilderness shall smile,
 With sudden greens and herbage crown'd,
 And streams shall murmur all around.

Gospel.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

PSALM xxiii. 4.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.

So I turned and came down from the mount, and the mount burned with fire: and the two tables of the covenant were in my two hands. And I looked, and, behold, ye had sinned against the Lord your God, and had made you a molten calf: ye had turned aside quickly out of the way which the Lord had commanded you.

DEUT. ix. 15, 16.

While Moses on the mountain lay,
 Night after night, and day by day,
 Till forty suns were gone;
 Unconscious, in the Presence bright
 Of lustrous day, and starry night,
 As though his soul had flitted quite
 From earth, and Eden won:

The pageant of a kingdom vast,
 And things unutterable, passed
 Before the Prophet's eye;
 Dread shadows of the Eternal Throne,
 The Fount of life, and Altar-stone,
 Pavement, and them that tread thereon,
 And those who worship nigh.

But lest he should his own forget,
 Who in the vale were struggling yet,
 A sadder vision came;
 Announcing all that guilty deed
 Of idol rite, that in her need,
 He for the Church might intercede,
 And stay Heaven's rising flame.

*First Lesson. Morning.*¹

So He said, He would have destroyed them, had not
 Moses His chosen stood before Him in the gap: to turn
 away His wrathful indignation, lest He should destroy
 them.

PSALM cvi. 23.

[¹ DEUTERONOMY iv.]

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.

But I must die in this land, I must not go over Jordan:
but ye shall go over, and possess that good land. Take
heed unto yourselves, lest ye forget the covenant of the
Lord your God.

DEUT. iv. 22, 23.

Moses, the patriot fierce, became
The meekest man on earth,
To show us how love's quickening flame
Can give our souls new birth.

Moses, the man of meekest heart,
Lost Canaan by self-will,
To show, where grace has done its part,
How sin defiles us still.

Thou, who hast taught me in Thy fear,
Yet seest me frail at best,
O grant me loss with Moses here,
To gain his future rest!

*First Lesson. Morning.*¹

Because they provoked his spirit: so that he spake un-
advisedly with his lips.

PSALM cvi. 33,

[¹ DEUTERONOMY vi.]

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.

If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain.

ST. JAMES i. 26.

Prune thou thy words, the thoughts control
That o'er thee swell and throng;
They will condense within thy soul,
And turn to purpose strong.

But he who lets his feelings run
In soft luxurious flow,
Shrinks when hard service must be done,
And faints at every wo.

Faith's meanest deed more favour bears
Where hearts and wills are weighed,
Than brightest transports, choicest prayers,
Which bloom their hour, and fade.

Epistle.

Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in Heaven.

ST. MATTHEW vii. 21.

ASCENSION DAY.

Who is the King of glory? even the Lord of Hosts,
He is the King of glory.

PSALM XXIV. 10.

Blest Saviour, now Thy work is done,
O'er death and hell the victory;
And Thou, ascended to put on
The glories of eternity.

Now borne upon a glittering cloud,
Thou seest afar earth's little bound,
While following, flock a happy crowd,
Their Saviour and their King around.

'Mid wondering Angels, without end,
The eternal doors are open wide;
While God, and Man, 'Thou dost ascend
To set Thee at Thy Father's side,

Our one High Priest, our Advocate,
Our Intercessor there on high,
Offering for us, without the gate,
The blood of boundless charity.

Thence Thou Thy bride dost here adorn,
And cherish her in her unrest;
And she when harassed and forlorn,
Reclines upon Thy pitying breast.

Thou, 'midst her conflicts, art at hand,
 Thou o'er her head dost hold 'Thy shield,
 'Thou art the rock where she may stand,
 'Thou givest might 'Thine arms to wield.

Where 'Thou, our Head, art gone before,
 Do 'Thou to Thee the body draw;
 On ways, where Thine own steps of yore
 Have trod, 'Thine own life-giving law.

Now to the Father let us sing,
 And, Holy Spirit, unto Thee,
 And to our Heaven-ascended King,
 Who captive led captivity.

He ever liveth to make intercession for them.

HEB. vii. 25.

SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY.

Thou art gone up on high, 'Thou hast led captivity captive, and received gifts for men; yea, even for Thine enemies, that the Lord God might dwell among them.

PSALM lxxviii. 18.

O Thou, gone up, our harbinger
 'To Heaven's dread Palaces,
 Look on us lying helpless here,
 And lift us to the skies.

May holy love the stair supply
 To those pure joys divine,
 Which, undiscerned by nature's eye,
 In Faith's true mirror shine.

Where God doth His tried children own,
 And gives them to be blest,
 He, all in all, their toils doth crown,
 And is Himself their rest.

Thy grace alone to Thee can lead,
 And place us near Thy throne;
 Do Thou to help us in our need,
 Send down Thy Holy One!

When He, the Spirit of Truth, is come, He will guide
 you into all truth.

ST. JOHN xvi. 13.

WHIT-SUNDAY.

He that hath My commandments, and keepeth them, he
 it is that loveth Me: and he that loveth Me shall be
 loved of My Father.

ST. JOHN xiv. 21.

What mysterious sight and sound,
 Of our God the coming speaks!
 Like a rushing gale profound,
 All the house His presence shakes.

Like a burning shower it falls
 All the hallowed guests among,
Upon each within the walls
 Sitting like a fiery tongue.

While the bright and lambent rays
 Play, their unharmed heads around,
Far hath sped that piercing blaze,
 In their deep heart's silent ground.

All aghast the nations throng,
 While with other tongues they name
Things that unto Heaven belong,
 And whate'er they speak is flame.

Praise to the Father, and the Son,
 And to Thee the Holy One,
By whose awful breath divine,
 Our dull spirits burn and shine.

And We will come unto him, and make Our abode
 with him.

ST. JOHN XIV. 23.

WHIT-MONDAY.

Be careful for nothing.

PHILIPPIANS iv. 6.

As Jesus sought His wandering sheep
With weary toil opprest,
He came to Martha's lowly roof,
A loved and honoured guest.

Blessed art thou, whose threshold poor
Those holy feet have trod,
To wait on so divine a Guest
And to receive thy God!

While Martha serves with busy feet,
In reverential mood
Meek Mary sits beside the Judge,
And feeds on heavenly food.

Yea, Martha soon, herself shall sit
The eternal word to hear,
And shall forget the festal board,
To feast on holier cheer.

Sole rest of all who come to Thee,
O'er all our works preside,

That we may have in 'Thee at last,
The part that shall abide.

But Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not
be taken away from her.

ST. LUKE x. 42.

WHIT-TUESDAY.

I lay down My life for the sheep.

ST. JOHN x. 15.

My Shepherd is the King of Kings,
His hand my wants supplies;
He shows me where the coolest springs,
'The sweetest pastures rise.

Though faint, and straggling from our folds,
O'er worlds without a track,
Jehovah still His flock beholds,
And leads the wanderers back.

Yea, though the vale of death I tread,
Though plunged in darkest ill,
Nor storms, nor foes, my soul shall dread,
For 'Thou art with me still.

Gospel.

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me: and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any pluck them out of My hand.

ST. JOHN x. 27, 28.

TRINITY SUNDAY.

And God saw every thing that He had made, and, behold, it was very good.

GENESIS i. 31.

When from the Eternal's hand
 The earth in beauty stood,
 Decked in light at His command,
 He saw, and called it good.

Yet a goodlier world it stood,
 In the Creator's sight,
 In the Lamb's all-cleansing blood,
 Washed to celestial white.

In the light of rising morn,
 Which o'er creation flies,
 We descry, by fancy borne,
 Heaven's courts beyond the skies.

In Thy law, blessed Trinity,—
 A sure light, bright and true,—
 What Thou forbiddest may we flee,
 What Thou dost bid, pursue.

First Lesson. Morning.

Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

2 PETER iii. 13.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord, at
the presence of the God of Jacob!

PSALM CXIV. 7.

When Israel, freed from Pharaoh's hand,
Left the proud tyrant and his land,
The tribes with cheerful homage own
Their King, and Judah was His throne.

Across the deep their journey lay,
The deep divides to make them way;
The streams of Jordan saw, and fled
With backward current to their head.

The mountains shook like frightened sheep;
Like lambs, the little hillocks leap;
Not Sinai on her base could stand,
Conscious of Sovereign power at hand.

What power could make the deep divide?
Make Jordan backward roll his tide?
Why did ye leap, ye little hills?
And whence the fright that Sinai feels?

Let every mountain, every flood
Retire, and know the approaching God,
The King of Israel, see Him here;
Tremble thou earth, adore and fear,

He thunders, and all nature mourns;
 The rock to standing pools He turns;
 Flints spring with fountains at His word,
 And fires and seas confess their Lord.

*First Lesson.*¹

Thou leddest Thy people like sheep by the hand of
 Moses and Aaron.

PSALM lxxvii. 20.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

He that loveth his brother, abideth in the light.

1 JOHN ii. 10.

Here hast 'Thou, Lord, 'Thy children set
 To dwell in one abode:
 May they be here together met
 In holy brotherhood.

A brotherhood of exiles here,
 But to His house above
 Are gather'd by a Father's care,
 Who learn a brother's love.

Who hurt their neighbour with ill tongue,
 Or arts of evil leaven,

[1 JOSHUA x.]

Thou puttest far from Thee, from song
And palace-hall of Heaven.

Lo, Earth herself in agony,
The wicked scarce sustains,
And yearns in travail to be free,
From dark corruption's chains.

And we, too, in our spirits groan,
And full adoption wait,
We with the earnest of the Son,
E'en now predestinate.

Be endless praise, and aye remain
To God, both One and 'Three,
From whom, in lowly hearts doth reign
Fraternal charity.

Epistle.

Let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with
the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the
unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

1 COR. v. 8.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

A bruised reed shall He not break, and the smoking
flax shall He not quench.

ISAIAH xlii. 3.

Why hast Thou for our earthly gloom,
Thus left Thy Father's hall?

“Not for the righteous am I come,
But sinners to recall.”¹

What bear'st Thou from yon desert nook,
Upon Thy shoulders bound?

“A sheep who left My Father's flock,
Whom I have lost and found.”²

What is it wakes the Angelic mirth,
'Mid sons of God in Heaven?

“'Tis some poor sorrowing child of earth,
Who is of God forgiven.”³

What makes the gracious Father rise,
And hasten from His seat?

“'Tis one in distance He descries,
A long lost son, to meet.”⁴

O Thou who seest our secret prayer,
And every inmost grief,

[1 Text?]

[2 Text?]

[3 Text?]

[4 Text?]

Teach us on Thee to cast our care,
And find in Thee, relief.

Gospel.

This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 TIM. i. 15.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

We then, as workers together with Him, beseech you also
that ye receive not the grace of God in vain.

2 COR. vi. 1.

Yes, thou hast drained thy Master's cup,
His bitter woes adored,
And by thy sufferings hast filled up,
The suffering of thy Lord.

Not only on thy body borne
Thy Master's mark impressed,
But He within thy spirit worn,
Himself doth manifest.

So, holy Paul, thou liv'st no more,
Art dead with Him that died,
But in thy bosom evermore
Doth live the Crucified.

O, in thy teaching, while we may,
 Still may we more abide,
 And follow thee, in Christ's blest way,
 The follower, and the guide.

Grant this, O 'Thou, in spirit One,
 Thrice holy, One and Three,
 And ever be to Thee alone,
 All glory be to Thee!

Epistle.

As dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed;

As sorrowful, yet alway rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

2 Cor. vi. 9, 10.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

And be Thou my strong rock, and house of defence:
 that Thou mayest save me.

PSALM xxxi. 3.

Thy promise, Lord, is our sure stay,
 Thy faith immoveable,
 To Thee we turn at dawning day,
 To Thee our wants we tell.

Man's promise, in the hour of need,
 Frail as himself is found,

Which fails, and like a broken reed,
The leaning hand doth wound.

Blessed is he, who in Thy breast
Himself doth wholly hide,
No whirlwind's power shall break their rest,
Who in that Rock abide.

Let our hearts fail, Thy hand shall hold
With sacramental ties;
Hope, on the mighty pledge made bold,
To endless good doth rise.

Springs to Thy throne on Mercy's gleam,
And casts aside her care,
And drinks of the celestial stream,
That flows for ever there.

Of grace, adored Trinity,
The everlasting spring,
Sole hope of safety, unto Thee
With our whole heart we cling.

Epistle.

For Thou art my strong rock, and my castle: be Thou
also my guide, and lead me for Thy Name's sake.

PSALM xxxi. 4.

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Make me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit
within me.

PSALM li. 10.

Lord, dare we pray Thee dwell within
Our hearts, defiled by wilful sin?
Signed with the cross in childhood's morn,
Adopted sons, and soldiers sworn;
Then fostered by Thy Church's care,
By praise, by teaching, and by prayer:
Too soon, by youth and passion flushed,
Baptismal seeds of grace, we crushed;
Bade Thee, O Holy Ghost, depart,
And gave to earth our earthly heart.
Yet who, save Thee, can youth renew?
And quench its fires in quickening dew?
And who in manhood's noonday beam,
Can lead, save Thee, to comfort's stream?
O, if Thou seest us erring still,
O bend to Thine, our stubborn will,
And bring us to Thy fold again,
(If need) by chastisements and pain.
Bring us, by sickness and by health,
By tribulation and by wealth;
Bring us by all the powers of sense,
By all the course of Providence;

By inmost conscience, not yet dumb,
 By all the past, by all to come;
 By God's best gifts, His Son to die,
 And Thee, our hearts to sanctify.
 Bring us, before our sun go down,
 To bear the cross, to win the crown.

Epistle.

But lo, Thou requirest truth in the inward parts: and
 shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

PSALM li. 6.

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Let us fall now into the hand of the Lord, for His mercies are great: and let me not fall into the hand of man.

2 SAMUEL xxiv. 14.

If e'er I fall beneath Thy rod
 As through life's snares I go,
 Save me from David's lot, O God!
 And choose Thyself the wo.

How should I face Thy plagues? which scare
 And haunt, and stun, until
 The heart, or sinks in mute despair,
 Or names a random ill.

If else—then guide in David's path,
 Who chose the holier pain;

Satan and man are tools of wrath,
 An Angel's scourge is gain.

First Lesson. Evening.¹

For whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth
 every son whom He receiveth.

HEBREWS xii. 6.

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our Spirit, that
 we are the children of God.

ROMANS viii. 16.

Our Father, freed from error's chain,
 May we Thy children be
 At the blest fountain born again
 To filial liberty.

All things are changing, Thou the same,
 Thou art our Heavenly home;
 Be hallowed here our Father's name,
 Until His Kingdom come.

Lo, to Thy Kingdom here below,
 We little children bring,
 For to that Kingdom, such we know,
 The meetest offering.

[¹ 2 Samuel xxi.]

That they in Thee, may here put on
 Thy Kingdom's panoply,
 And in the path of duty run,
 Like children of the sky.

Oft, as breaks out their mother's stain,
 While they advance to Heaven,
 Children in love, may they remain
 Forgiving and forgiven.

Let naught allure them from Thy word,
 Or tempt their spirits frail,
 But should they fall, yet, blessed Lord,
 Let evil not prevail.

Epistle.

Deliver us from evil.

ST. LUKE xi. 4.

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how
 that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all
 passed through the sea;
 And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in
 the sea.

1 COR. x. 1, 2.

When Israel left the Egyptian's land,
 Through the Red sea they trod,

The cloud above, was brooding o'er,
The token of their God.

'Then man was fed on Angel's food,
For meat enough He sent,
Their drink was of the living stream,
The rock that Moses rent.

To them were 'Ten Commandments given
Their line and course to mark,
Priests waiting on their guarded way,
Their guide, the holy ark.

They journeyed to a promised land
Along a toilsome way,
They passed through Jordan's parted stream,
The ark of God their stay.

A house of bondage we have left,
Redeemed from sin and shame,
By water, and the Holy Ghost,
Baptized into Christ's name.

Our manna is the living Bread,
Which hath come down from Heaven,
The rock that follows, Christ the Lord,
From Whom our drink is given.

'The 'Ten Commandments mark our way,
And teach us what to shun;
And Pastors teach the road to Heaven,
As on our course we run.

Our promised land shall ever last,
 O may our faith be strong!
 That we may never murmur, sure
 He cannot lead us wrong.

That so, when we have passed the flood
 'This earth and Heaven between,
 We find the eternal joy, the bliss
 That eye hath never seen.

Epistle.

Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

1 Cor. x. 11.

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

And He was transfigured before them.

ST. MATTHEW xvii. 2.

When Thou wert toiling, Lord, below,
 Emptied of pomp divine,
 Twice round Thee was the outward show
 Of triumph seen to shine.

Once in Thy servant's dazzled sight
 Seem'd Heaven's high state begun,
 Glistering Thy raiment shone and white,
 Thy face was as the sun.

And once Thy people's fickle mood
 Raised the triumphant lay,
 "Hosanna to our King," and strewed
 The palm-branch in Thy way.

Upon the blissful mount, what word
 Passed 'twixt Thy Saints and Thee?
 They spake how Thy decease, O Lord,
 Should soon accomplished be.

And when from hearts so often dumb
 Burst that adoring cry,
 Why wert Thou then to Sion come?
 To bow Thy head and die!

So fared it in Thy early days;
 • And still Thy Church's faith
 Shall link in all her prayer and praise,
 Thy glory with Thy death.¹

Gospel.

And when He was come near, He beheld the city, and
 wept over it.

ST. LUKE XIX. 41.

[¹ "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross
 of our Lord Jesus Christ." *St. Paul.*]

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Lord, teach us to pray.

ST. LUKE xi. 1.

Father, who dwell'st above the sun,
To Thee be glory given;
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done
On earth as 'tis in Heaven.

The daily bread Thy hand bestows,
Grant us this day to share,
And as we spare our guilty foes,
Thy guiltier children spare.

In pain's or pleasure's trying hour,
Do Thou our paths defend;
Thine is the Kingdom, Thine the power,
The glory without end.

Gospel.

Ask, and it shall be given you.

ST. LUKE xi. 9.

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness: and Thy
clouds drop fatness.

PSALM lxxv. 12.

Lord of the Harvest, once again
We thank Thee for the ripened grain,
For crops safe carried, sent to cheer
Thy servants through another year;
For all sweet holy thoughts, supplied
By seed-time, and by harvest-tide.

The bare, dead grain, in Autumn sown,
Its robe of vernal green puts on;
Glad from its wintry grave it springs,
Fresh garnished by the King of Kings;
So, Lord, to those who sleep in Thee,
Shall new and glorious bodies be.

Nor vainly of Thy word we ask,
A lesson from the reaper's task;
So shall 'Thine Angels issue forth,
The tares be burnt, the just of earth,
Playthings of sun and storm no more,
Be gathered to their Father's store.

Daily, O Lord, our prayers be said
As Thou hast taught, for "daily bread."

But not alone our bodies feed,
Supply our fainting spirits' need.
O bread of life, from day to day,
Be Thou their comfort, food, and stay!

Give us day by day our daily bread.

ST. LUKE xi. 3.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER
TRINITY.

Then shall the Assyrian fall with the sword, not of a
mighty man; and the sword, not of a mean man,
shall devour him: but he shall flee from the sword,
and his young men shall be discomfited.

ISAIAH xxxi. 8.

The Assyrian King in splendour came
Determined Judah's pride to tame,
Came to reproach and to defy
With blasphemy, the Lord most high.

Then Hezekiah wept and prayed,
Before the Lord his trouble laid;
His prayer was heard, the monarch fled,
As by a hook and bridle led.

Fled by the way by which he came,
Forbade one arrow shot to aim,

Or dig one trench before the place,
Thus guarded by Almighty grace.

Because against the Lord employed,
One brief night saw his host destroyed.
When Judah, at the dawn arose,
Dead corpses were their numerous foes!

How dreadful is the reckoning hour
To those who scorn Almighty power!
How great His mercy and His grace,
To those who ever seek His face!

*First Lesson. Morning.*¹

Visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children
unto the third and fourth generation of them that
hate Me;

And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love
Me, and keep My commandments.

EXODUS xx. 5, 6.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER
TRINITY.

But the greatest of these is Charity.

1 COR. xiii. 13.

Great Mover of all hearts, whose hand
Doth all the secret springs command
Of human thought and will.

[¹ 2 Kings xix.]

Thou, since the world was made, dost bless
 Thy Saints with fruits of holiness,
 Their order to fulfil.

Faith, Hope, and Love, here weave one chain,
 But Love alone shall then remain,
 When this short day is gone:
 O love, O truth, O endless light,
 When shall we see Thy sabbath bright,
 With all our labours done?

We sow 'mid perils here, and tears;
 There, the glad hand the harvest bears,
 Which here in grief hath sown.
 O Lord our God, the increase give,
 And these Thy gifts, by which we live,
 With Heavenly glory crown!

Collect.

He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth
 forth good seed: shall doubtless come again with joy,
 and bring his sheaves with him.

PSALM CXXVI. 7.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you.

1 PETER v. 7.

O Lord! how happy should we be
If we could cast our care on Thee,
 If we from self could rest;
And feel at heart, that One above
In perfect wisdom, perfect love,
 Is working for the best.

How far from this our daily life!
Ever disturbed by anxious strife,
 By sudden, wild alarms;
O could we but relinquish all
Our earthly props, and simply fall
 On Thy Almighty arms!

Could we but kneel, and cast our load,
E'en while we pray, upon our God,
 Then rise with lightened cheer,
Sure that the Father, who is nigh
To still the famished raven's cry,
 Will hear in that we fear.¹

We cannot trust Him as we should,
So chafes fallen nature's restless mood,
 To cast its peace away;

[¹ Hebrews v. 7.]

Yet birds and flowerets round us preach,
All all, the present evil, teach,
 Sufficient for the day.

Lord, make these faithless hearts of ours
Such lessons learn from birds and flowers,
 Make them from self to cease,
Leave all things to a Father's will,
And taste, before Him lying still,
 E'en in affliction, peace.

Gospel.

Thou shalt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is
 stayed on Thee.

ISAIAH XXVI. 3.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER
TRINITY.

If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of
 all men most miserable.

1 COR. XV. 19.

Who says the widow's heart must break?
 The childless mother sink?
A kinder, truer voice I hear,
Which even beside that mournful bier,
 Whence parents' eyes would hopeless shrink,
Bids weep no more. O heart bereft,
 How strange to thee that sound!

A widow o'er her only son,
 Feeling more bitterly alone,
 For friends that press officious round.

Yet is the voice of comfort heard,
 For Christ hath touched the bier,
 The bearers wait with wondering eye,
 The swelling bosom dares not sigh,
 But all is still 'twixt hope and fear.

Unchanged that voice—and though not yet
 The dead sit up and speak
 Answering its call;—we gladlier rest
 Our darlings on earth's quiet breast,
 And our hearts feel they must not break.

Gospel.

For if we have been planted together in the likeness
 of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His
 resurrection.

ROMANS vi. 5.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the
 bond of peace.

EPHESIANS iv. 3.

Lord, in Thy Kingdom there shall be
 No aliens from each other,

But even as he loves himself,
 Each saint shall love his brother.

When in Thy courts we meet, below,
 To mourn our sinful living,
 And with one mingling voice repeat,
 Confession, Creed, Thanksgiving;

Make us to hear in each sweet word,
 Thy Holy Spirit calling
 To oneness with Thy Church and Thee;
 That heavenly bond forestalling.

One baptism, one faith have we,
 One Spirit sent to win us;
 One Lord, one Father, and one God,
 Above, and through, and in us.

Never, by schism or by sin,
 May we that union sever,
 'Till all, to perfect stature grown,
 Are one with Thee for ever.

Epistle.

Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the
 knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto
 the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.

EPH. iv. 13.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER
'TRINITY.

For the fashion of this world passeth away.

1 Cor. vii. 31,

Praise Him, who made us at the first,
 And still our life sustains;
 For us, He in His treasures nurst
 Fresh breezes, genial rains.

But chiefly praise Him, that His love
 Created us anew,
 And bade His graces from above
 Drop soft as evening dew.

Praise Him for all His seasons round,
 'Turning man's toil to gain;
 By each alike with fatness crowned,
 Ripe droops the golden grain.

And praise Him, that the seed He forms
 In us to fruit He brings,
 Alike by sunshine and by storms,
 Life's winters and its springs.

Praise Him for yon refreshing light,
 Our daily labour's guide;
 Praise Him, who having formed our sight,
 Scenes meet for sight supplied.

And praise Him that, through Christ, no more
 Our spirit's eyes are dim,
 That shadowy hopes just glimpsed before,
 Are now made clear in Him.

Praise Him, that e'en on earth awhile
 Some forms of beauty glow;
 And praise Him for their short-lived smile,
 Less swift to come than go.

They come as types of heavenly bliss,
 They fade away and die,
 Lest we should rest in them, and miss
 The good they typify.

All lovely things of earth depart;¹
 Yet praise Him who has given
 Their forms to raise the loving heart,
 Its stepping-stones to Heaven!

Let every thing that hath breath, praise the Lord.

PSALM cl. 6.

[¹ Two such—none ever lovelier of “the lovely things of earth”—in little more than two short years, have fallen by my side, and from my heart. I name them not: but when these lines first met me, in the freshness of my latest loss, I felt that they were sent to comfort me, and I must own the consolation. What must Heaven be, when such are “stepping stones,” to reach it! May it be so, through the prevailing value of His Cross—*Eve of St. Mark*, 1842.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER
TRINITY.

Whom resist, steadfast in the faith.

1 PETER v. 9.

Thou knowest, Lord, that they
Who seek our souls to slay,
 Are mightier far than we:
O, strong to save from harm,
Thy fainting servants arm
 With Thine own panoply.

O'er rugged ways we toil;
Then let our feet the while,
 With Gospel peace be shod;
And in our hands, O Lord,
Bear we Thy Spirit's sword,
 The living word of God.

Give us the shield of faith;
So darts of hell and death
 Shall round us harmless fall:
And when we faint, let prayer
Thy messenger be there,
 On Thee for strength to call.

Dark is the vale we tread
Among the living dead,

Who live not, Lord, to Thee:
 Hell's ambushed archers lurk
 In thought, and word, and work,
 To smite us mortally.

God, and the Virgin's Son!
 Thou hast the victory won;
 With us in battle be:
 Who shall Thy conquests stay,
 'Till at Thy feet Thou lay
 Death, Thy last enemy?

Collect.

Take unto you the whole armour of God.
 EPH. vi. 13.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners,
 but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the house-
 hold of God;
 And are built upon the foundation of the Apostles and
 Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief Corner-
 stone.

EPH. ii. 19, 20.

Lord, if to Thee Thy Church of yore
 Looked on with eager gaze,
 Shall she not look, and worship more,
 In these her latter days?

If then, through all her onward track,
 'To Thee her journeyings tend,
Still finds she in 'Thee, looking back,
 Perfection, object, end!

In Thee she sees the life of faith,
 Through danger and distress
Her perfect pattern—in 'Thy death
 Her perfect righteousness.

Built up by grace, in Thee alone
 She stands, without Thee, dead;
A temple, Christ its Corner-stone;
 A body, Christ its Head.

In whom all the building, fitly framed together, groweth
 unto a holy temple in the Lord :

In whom ye also are builded together for a habitation
of God through the Spirit. EPH. ii. 21, 22.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against
principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the
darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in
high places. EPH. vi. 12.

Into Christ's flock we are received,
 And signed with His sign,

In token that we shall not shun
To do His will divine.

To fight with sin, the world, and flesh,
Beneath His bannered cross;
To scorn the world and its delights,
Nor fear the shame and loss.

Our fight begins in earliest youth,
In childhood we must wear
Our armour 'gainst the wary foe,
And for the fight prepare.

High faith in Him, our shield must be,
To quench all fiery darts,
Temptations of the evil one
To gain our wavering hearts.

Our helmet is His saving grace,
Our sword the word of God;
Our Lord Himself that help did use,
When the same way He trod.

Our eye in Heaven is fixed in hope,
For help and comfort there;
Onward we press upon our way,
Help granted to our prayer.

Then may we stand, in the last day,
When we have done our best;
Hoping through Him to be forgiven,
And taken to His rest.

Epistle.

Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might.
EPH. vi. 10.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER
TRINITY.

For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my
departure is at hand.

2 TIM. iv. 6.

Enough, O Paul, enough; and now
A crown in Heaven awaits thy brow,
Thy earthly toils are nearly done,
Thy heavenly prize is all but won;
Long tossed by ills, on land and sea,
The shore is all but gained by thee.

Long time, 'mid stonings, rods, and chains,
Watchings, and cares, and dying pains,
Thee Christ upon His Cross doth hold,
In daily dyings now grown old;

He bids thee now, no more remain,
And unto thee, to die is gain.

Love's tender bowels yearning strong,
They for whom thou didst toil so long
In travailings of second birth,
Thy children hold thee still to earth:
The time for thy release is come,
And ready is thy heavenly home.

When 'mid the twelve, thy throne is set,
And we shall be for judgment met;
May we, whom from the dead of night
God calls in thee to see His light,
For ever with the Angelic host,
Sing Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Epistle.

I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.

2 TIM. iv. 7.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER
TRINITY.

We all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind,
have taken us away.

ISAIAH lxiv. 6.

See, the leaves around us falling,
Dry and withered, to the ground;

Thus to thoughtless mortals calling,
 With a sad and solemn sound;—

“ Sons of Adam, (once in Eden,
 Where like us he blighted fell,)
 Hear the lesson we are reading;
 Mark the awful truth we tell:

“ Youths, on length of days presuming,
 Who the paths of pleasure tread,
 View us late in beauty blooming,
 Numbered now among the dead.

“ What though yet no losses grieve you,
 Gay with health and many a grace:
 Let not cloudless skies deceive you;
 Summer gives to Autumn place.

“ Yearly in our course returning,
 Messengers of shortest stay;
 Still we bid frail man be learning;
 ‘ Heaven and earth shall pass away.’ ”

On the tree of life eternal,
 O let all our hopes be laid!
 This alone for ever vernal,
 Bears a leaf that may not fade.

The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word
 of our God shall stand for ever.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER
TRINITY.

Lord, I believe; help Thou mine unbelief.

MARK ix. 24.

O Lord! across our path of wo
Some rays of heavenly comfort fling:
Increase of love, and faith bestow,
And they their sister, hope, shall bring.

We wander in perplexing ways;
The tempter prompts us to despair;
In murmuring seeks to stifle praise,
In hopelessness to stifle prayer.

It is in love, O Lord, we fail
For ever; by love's glances keen
In death, and sorrow's darkest vale,
Thy mercies through the mist are seen.

O Lord! we are of little faith!
If Thou, indeed, hast sent from Heaven
Thy Son for man to suffer death,
Hast Thou not all things with Him given?

Teach us that wondrous love to feel;
So when a sword has pierced us through,

'That thought doubt's maddening wound shall heal,
And kindle dying hope anew.

Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him.

JOB xiii. 15.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER
TRINITY.

And when He had sent them away, He departed into a
mountain to pray.

MARK vi. 46.

“Come to a desert place apart,
And rest a little while:”

So spake the Christ, when limbs and heart,
Waxed faint and sick through toil.

High communings with God He sought,
But, where He sought them, found
The restless crowd together brought,
And labour's weary round.

Then, not a thought to self was given,
Nor breathed a word of blame;
He fed their souls with bread from Heaven,
Then stayed their sinking frame.

Turned He, when that long task was done,
To sleep fatigue away?

When on the desert sank the sun,
The Saviour waked to pray.

O perfect pattern from above,
So strengthen us, that ne'er
Prayer keep us back from works of love,
Nor works of love from prayer.

My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me, and to
finish his work.

ST. JOHN iv. 34.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER
TRINITY.

Few and evil have the days of the years of My life been.
GENESIS xlvii. 9.

As o'er the past my memory strays,
Why heaves the secret sigh?
'Tis that I mourn departed days,
Still unprepared to die.

The world, and worldly things beloved,
My anxious thoughts employed;
While time, unhallowed, unimproved,
Presents a fearful void.

Yet, holy Father, wild despair
Chase from this labouring breast:

'Thy grace it is which prompts the prayer,
That grace can do the rest.

My life's best remnant all be Thine;
And when 'Thy sure decree
Bids me this fleeting breath resign,
O, speed my soul to 'Thee!

When the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive.

EZEKIEL xviii. 27.

SAINT ANDREW'S DAY.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him
that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace.
ISAIAH lii. 7.

Ye captains of a heavenly host,
Ye princes of a heavenly hall,
Stars of the world, in darkness lost,
And judges at its funeral.

Lights rising o'er a wintry night,
With tidings of eternal youth,
On error's long-bewildered sight,
Emerging with the lamp of truth.

Captains, but not of spear and shield,
No rebel hosts with steel to tame,
No arms of eloquence to wield,
Naught but the lowly cross of shame.

The chain is riven, and broke the rod,
The world's long, stern captivity,
And we are free to serve our God,
Whose yoke, alone, is liberty.

To distant lands His heralds fleet,
By God's mysterious presence led;
How beauteous are their passing feet
Like morn, upon the mountains spread.

Their sound is gone out into all lands, their words into
the ends of the world.

PSALM xix. 4.

SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE.

Thomas, because thou hast seen Me, thou hast believed:
blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have
believed.

ST. JOHN xx. 29.

Why lived I not in those blest days,
When men could see their Lord?
They felt His hand, they saw His face,
And heard His holy word.

But if no more we hear His voice,
Yet still to us he calls;
His messengers prepare His way,
And speak within His walls.

He will embrace us with his arms
Of mercy, great and free,

He will protect us, who once said,
 "Let infants come to Me."

And though the Son to Heaven is gone,
 The Comforter is given,
 In the right path to lead us on,
 And teach the way to Heaven.

Besides, His very voice on earth,
 Not all would own nor heed,
 And Thomas doubted still the word,
 "The Lord is risen indeed."

Blessed who feel their quiet way
 In faith, and not in sight,
 Who lean upon His unseen grace,
 And walk by His true light.

For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.

GALATIANS v. 5.

CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL.

Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou Me?

ACTS ix. 4.

The Shepherd smitten is, and lo!
 His flock, the wolf is scattering wide;
 For Saul as yet doth little know,
 He wounds, in them, a Saviour's side.

Prisons, and chains, and murd'rous wrath
He breathes, where stern religion calls,
But one soft word has crossed his path,
And on the ground he stricken falls.

Saul, Saul, whence art thou? why so keen
To persecute Christ's little band?
Why wage thy war with power unseen?
The arm Almighty, why withstand?

Lo! forth he spreads beseeching hands,
Prepared his Saviour's yoke to bear,
Asks trembling for the Lord's commands,
What wouldst Thou have me do, declare.

Fallen is the fierce despoiler now,
And conquered lies the conqueror dread,
Now meckly droops the threatening brow,
For the Redeemer's triumph led.

Lord, 'twas Thy voice, the tone that shakes
Great Lebanon, like leaf in breeze,
It goeth forth from Thee, and breaks
The Heaven-aspiring cedar-trees,

Good Shepherd, keep us as of old,
If Thou shouldst aught of harm discern;
And if we wander from Thy fold,
Again to Thee our bosoms turn.

Glory to God, both One and Three,
Who saw us laid in dead of night;

All praise and glory be to Thee,
 Who call'st us thence to glorious light.

Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?

ACTS ix. 6.

THE PURIFICATION.

The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the Lord of Hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of Hosts.

HAGGAI ii. 9.

Sion, ope Thy hallowed dome,
 To His temple Christ is come;
 Lifeless shadows, haste away,
 Grace and truth beam out to-day.

Flocks and herds shall bleed no more,
 Stanch'd the flood of reeking gore;
 Lo! He comes from Heaven above,
 Victim to His Father's love.

Virgin pure, thy down-cast eye,
 Owns His hidden Godhead nigh;
 Heavenly musings all unheard,
 Meetly hail the silent word;

While to Heaven thy pious love
 Duly vows the sacred dove,
 And upon thy bosom lies
 More than dove-like sacrifice.

Sire and sister, age and youth,
 Kindle at the mighty truth;
 And the blissful presence own,
 Panting Faith so long has known.

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word:

For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation!

ST. LUKE i. 29.

SAINT MATTHIAS'S DAY.

And the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven Apostles.

ACTS i. 26.

Jesus, who caused the lot to fall,
 And thus this holy saint did call,
 His staff to hold,
 Gave charge of His own ransomed sheep,
 By the great Father given to keep;
 His guarded fold.

He knows them all, of them is known,
 He knows, and goes before His own,
 By stream and rock
 To lead, and sheltered pastures give;
 They hear, they follow, and they live,
 A gentle flock.

When one hath wandered from His sight,
He seeketh it both day and night,
 'The mountains round;
And joy repayeth all His fears,
When to the fold He homeward bears
 The lost, and found.

'The roaring beasts He drives afar,
And wolves that with more treacherous war
 Come prowling nigh:
'Their guileful arts He knows full well,
Ready with His dear flock to dwell,
 For them to die.

All praise to Thee, the Priest supreme,
Through whom alone all blessings stream,
 The Eternal Son;
And may Thy ransomed heritage,
The glory sing from age to age,
 God, Three in One.

Feed My sheep.

ST. JOHN XXI. 17.

THE ANNUNCIATION.

My soul doth magnify the Lord,
And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For He hath regarded the low estate of His handmaiden:
for, behold, from henceforth, all generations shall call
me blessed.

ST. LUKE i. 46—48.

Blessed was she, on whose retirement broke
That Angel form, the star-portending morn;
And blessed she, upon whose bosom woke
And slept the Eternal Child, the Virgin-born,
Who, like a robe, the heaven of heavens had worn:
But O more blessed, Lord, by Thy dear Name,
Is he who hears Thy word, and keeps the same.

For not in thee, thou maiden-mother mild,
As superstition deemed; 'tis not in thee
That we rejoice, meek mother undefiled,
But in our God alone, both thou and we;
For thou wast compassed with humanity,
And Christ alone, thy light, thy strength, thy tower,
Thine innocence, thy victory, thy dower.

Nor at thy feet adore we, though so bright
Upon thy head the gleams of ages pour;
But with that Church rejoice, whose orient light
Shadowed thee forth in women famed of yore;
With Hannah sung, and Miriam, on the shore,

“The Lord Himself hath triumphed gloriously,
And thrown the horse and rider in the sea.”

For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is
My brother, and My sister, and mother.

ST. MARK iii. 35.

SAINT MARK'S DAY.

They that patiently abide the Lord, those shall inherit
the land.

PSALM XXXvii. 9.

Blest are the poor in spirit, vile and low
In their own eyes; who their own frailties know;
The humblest here are highest in God's sight;
Theirs is the glorious realm of endless night.

Blessed are they who mourn, whose sighs, their
own

And others' sins, with bitterness bemoan:
They sow in tears, and from each tear they weep,
They shall a thousand-fold of comfort reap.

Blest are the meek, of gentle soul and sweet,
Who unembittered, foes and scorners greet;
Theirs is earth's heritage, again to know
Adam's lost right to peace and joy below.

Blest are all they who thirst and hunger feel
For righteousness; who with unwearied zeal
Strive the just God's bright image to regain,
And purge themselves from their congenial¹ stain.

Blest are the merciful, whose melting eyes
With others' griefs benignly sympathize;
They mercy shall obtain, and all their woes
God for their good shall graciously dispose.

Blest are the pure in heart, who have refined
Each thought, each yearning of the baser mind;
They shall of God have beatific sight,
Who only in pure votaries takes delight.

Blest are the peace-makers, who sweetly strive
Fraternal, mutual dearness to revive;
They shall be called God's children, in them best
The God of peace His likeness sees expressed.

Blessed are they who persecuted are,
Who martyrdom for love of Jesus bear:
The heavenly kingdom is more firmly theirs;
Of higher bliss, and brighter mansions heirs.

And they had white robes, and palms in their hands.

REV. vii. 9.

[¹ Native, *inborn*.]

SAINT PHILIP AND SAINT JAMES'S DAY.

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the
power of His might. EPH. vi. 10.

Now the hour is drawing near,
Which your Master shall remove;
Little children do not fear,
He shall not forego His love;
With the bannered cross unfurled,
Fear no tumults of the world.

When He wills, the parting storm
Shall an azure sky disclose;
Thence shall stoop joy's deathless form,
Smiling on your vanished woes;
While the world's brief pleasures flow
To the sea of endless wo.

He who as a brother died,
And in the cold grave below
Laid Him by His brethren's side,
He shall hence before you go,
And take you with Him to dwell
In Godhead unapproachable.

May we here, Lord, die with Thee,
And with Thy true wisdom wise,
Put on immortality,
Having wisdom in the skies;

Where all things with one accord,
Sing the triune holy Lord.

In My Father's house are many mansions: I go to pre-
pare a place for you.

ST. JOHN xiv. 2.

SAINT BARNABAS THE APOSTLE.

Blessed is he that considereth the poor and needy: the
Lord shall deliver him in the time of trouble.

PSALM xli. 1.

Crowned with immortal jubilee,
Thy soul this day set free,
To the calm heavens from earth did pass,
O holy Barnabas!

He for whose sake, at whose dear call
Thou gavest up thine all,
He shall thine all, thy treasure be,
Lasting eternally.

'Mid fasting, prayer, and holy hands,
Lo! 'mid the saints he stands,
The Spirit's high behest to bear,
Christ's Heaven-sent messenger.

Thou hast with Paul in labour stood
Blest bond of brotherhood!
One in the mandate sent from high,
And one in charity.

Lord, when to us an offered guest
Shall come that Spirit blest,
Let not our hearts Heaven's bounty slight,
Deeming their darkness light!

Howbeit when He, the Spirit of Truth, is come, He will
guide you into all truth.

ST. JOHN xvi. 13.

SAINT JOHN BAPTIST'S DAY.

Behold the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of
the world.

ST. JOHN i. 29.

Judea's desert heard a sound,
Of one that cried aloud;
They flocked the holy John around,
With sin and sadness bowed.

Lo, 'mid that guilty company
A sinless Lamb drew near,
His blood alone that crowd can free
From guilt, and shame, and fear.

Before the sun, a taper dim,
John stands, and meekly pleads,
Nor pours the hallowing wave; of Him
The Baptist washing needs.

But to obey his God 'tis meet,
 Though He Himself depress,
 Prepared all fulness to complete,
 Perfect in righteousness.

Confessor, and great harbinger,
 Thou, Baptist of the wave;
 The Baptist He, of living fire,
 The secret soul to lave!

To Him who washed us with His blood,—
 As hath been heretofore,—
 To Father, and to Spirit good,
 Be glory evermore!

I have need to be baptized of Thee, and comest Thou
 to me?

ST. MATTHEW iii. 14.

SAINT PETER'S DAY.

Pray without ceasing.

1 THESS. v. 17.

Why loiterest within Simon's walls,
 Hard by the barren sea,
 Thou Saint, when many a sinner calls
 To preach, and set him free?

Can this be he, who erst confessed
For Christ affection keen,
Now truant, in untimely rest,
'The mood of an Essene?

Yet, he who at the sixth hour sought
The lone house-top to pray,
There gained a sight beyond his thought,
'The dawn of Gentile day.

'Then reckon not, when perils lower,
The time of prayer mis-spent,
Nor meanest chance, nor place, nor hour,
Without its Heaven-ward bent.

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find;
knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

ST. MATTHEW vii. 7.

SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE.

And he killed James the brother of John with the sword.
ACTS xii. 2.

Two brothers freely cast their lot
With David's royal Son,
The cost of conquest counting not,
They deem the battle won.

Brothers in heart, they hope to gain
 An undivided joy,
 That man may one with man remain,
 As boy was one with boy.

Christ heard, and willed that James should fall
 First prey of Satan's rage;
 John linger out his fellows all,
 And die in bloodless age.

Now they join hands, once more above,
 Before the Conqueror's throne;
 Thus God grants prayer; but in His love
 Makes times, and ways, His own.

[J. H. NEWMAN.]

If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee?
 ST. JOHN xxi. 22.

SAINT BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE.

I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

HEB. xiii. 5.

O say not thou art left of God,
 Because His tokens in the sky
 Thou canst not read; this earth He trod
 To teach thee He is ever nigh.

He sees, beneath the fig-tree green,
Nathaniel¹ con his sacred lore;
Shouldst thou the closet seek, unseen
He enters through the unopened door.

And when thou liest, by slumber bound,
Out-wearied in the Christian fight;
In glory, girt with Saints around,
He stands above thee through the night.

When friends to Emmaus bend their course,
He joins, although He holds their eyes;
Or shouldst thou feel some fever's force,
He takes thy hand, and bids thee rise.²

When on thy voyage, calms prevail,
And hold thee prisoned on the sea;
He walks the wave, He wings the sail,
The shore is gained, and thou art free.

Thou art about my path, and^b about my bed: and spiest
out all my ways.

PSALM CXXXIX. 2.

[¹ Called also Bartholomew.] [² To whom does this allude?]

SAINT MATTHEW THE APOSTLE.

Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners?

ST. MATTHEW ix. 11.

O Lord, Thy presence is revealed
By mountain and by flood,
By woodland and by quiet field,
And homes where dwell the good.

But at the sinner's thoughtless board,
Who hopes for trace of Thine?
Yet there in mercy, gracious Lord,
Thou settest still Thy sign.

Thy holy presence shines there yet;
Since by Thy blessed Son,
While sinners round at meat were set,
His Father's work was done.

'Tis bliss for those whose path must be
Through busy scenes, to feel
How with the evil mingled He,
In meekness, love, and zeal.

Blest thought, for every faithful heart
That pure would still remain,
Yet do its firm but gentle part
Amid the bad and vain.

Good Lord! through this world's troubled way
 Thy children's path secure;
 And lead them onward, day by day,
 Kindly, like Thee, and pure.

Be theirs to do Thy work of love,
 All erring souls to win;
 Amid a sinful world to move,
 Yet give no smile to sin.

Using the world, but not abusing it.

1 COR. vii. 31.

SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

HEB. i. 14.

And are there then celestial habitants,
 Whom a kind Father's care around us plants,
 Sent to walk with us in our earthly trance?

(For Heaven's undying outcast,¹ in dark hate
 Of those whom God hath called to his lost state,
 Ever around our pathway lies in wait.)

And these blest guardians, at high Heaven's command,
 Dwell round about our homes, with unseen wand,
 Watchful to ward his wiles, and hold our hand.

[1 Who is this?]

All praise to God, the Father of the word,
All praise to God the Son, with one accord,
All praise to 'Thee, the Holy Ghost adored!

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil,
as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may
devour:

Whom resist, steadfast in the faith.

1 PETER v. 8.

SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST.

It seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee in order.

ST. LUKE i. 3.

He whom the Father sent to die,
Hath given you His commission high,
The channels of His grace to be,
And vessels of His charity.

New fruits Earth's genial face renew,
Blest by that fertilizing dew:
How rich the harvest of His grace!
And we, in that, have found a place.

If 'Thou, who dost the increase give,
Then look on us, and we shall live,
Ripen, and grow, and evermore
Be gathered to Thy heavenly store.

Glory to God, both 'Three and One,
The Father, Spirit, and the Son,
Who calleth us from dead of night,
To see His countenance of light!

The seed is the word of God.

ST. LUKE viii. 11.

SAINT SIMON AND SAINT JUDE,
APOSTLES.

Who maketh His Angels spirits, and His Ministers a
flame of fire.

HEB. i. 7.

Where the angelic hosts adore 'Thee,
Thou o'er earth and Heaven dost reign;
At Thy word they rose before 'Thee,
And Thy breath doth them sustain.

From high Angels 'Thee attending,
Thou dost faithful guardians send;
In mysterious ways descending,
May they keep us to the end.

Keep us; else, with wiles deceiving,
The persuader of all ill,
Round his deadly meshes weaving,
The lost soul will rend and kill.

All creation bows before Thee,
 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;
 Highest Angels that adore Thee,
 Succour and sustain the lost.

Second Lesson. Evening.

The Angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that
 fear Him.

PSALM XXXIV. 7.

ALL SAINTS' DAY.

After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands.

REV. vii. 9.

What countless crowd on Sion stands?
 Gathered from every land and tongue,
 The palm-branch waving in their hands,
 The white robes round them flung.

These, out of tribulation came;
 On earth the thorny crown they wore;
 Believing, they confessed His Name
 Whose Cross they meekly bore.

In the Lamb's life-blood washed they white
Their robes, ingrained with sin and wo,
Now round the glory-seat in light,
Purer they shine than snow.

Lord, when Thy faithful ones indeed,
Low by remembered sin are bowed,
From realms where ransomed sinners lead
Thy choir, roll back the cloud.

Show them, in bliss before Thy throne
Meek tremblers once, at sin's just doom,
Who, in Thy sacrifice alone,
Found hope from wrath to come.

Sinners no more, in Thee complete,
Their Saviour's love to man they sing,
While Angels, listening, learn to greet
With newer praise their King.

Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.

Rev. xiv. 13.

THE END.



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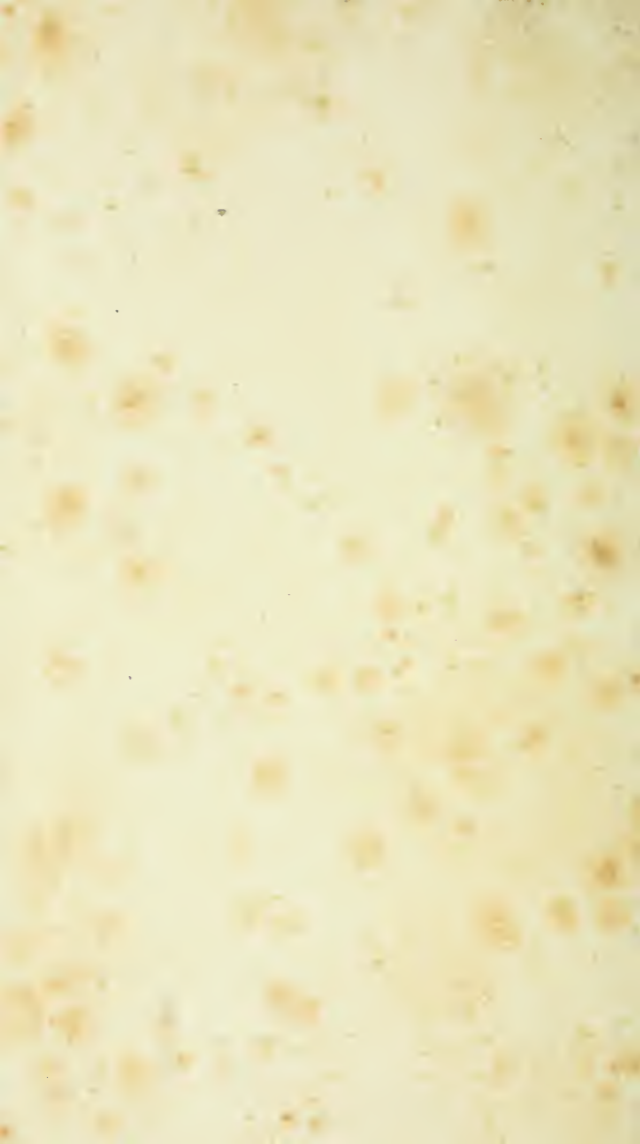
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